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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 879

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by Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
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by "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
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by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
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by "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
- 24) [28797] FOX - Skunked
by kb0rol@juno.com (Bradley L Mugleston)
- 25) [28798] Re: W3EDP Antenna
by Greg Pollard <cwgreg@worldnet.att.net>
- 26) [28799] AA1MY
by talljazz@teleport.com (Dan Presley)
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by "Basil (Darin) Arrick" <basila@OnRamp.NET>
- 28) [28801] Re: The Fox Chat Room is on line now!
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
- 29) [28802] Re: Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
by Stan <stan@cruzio.com>
- 30) [28803] (A)FSK on QRP Kit rigs?
by "Basil (Darin) Arrick" <basila@OnRamp.NET>
- 31) [28804] Re: RUFZ
by Ullrich Swoboda <dl2heb@ibm.net>
- 32) [28805] Re: The Fox Chat Room is on line now!
by "Steve Hurst" <shurst@magiclink.com>
- 33) [28806] Re: W3EDP Antenna, correct URL
by Ullrich Swoboda <dl2heb@ibm.net>
- 34) [28807] Surface mount Pixie II
by Blackpug1@aol.com
- 35) [28808] Weekend registration?
by David Kidd <ka7ozo@pacifier.com>
- 36) [28809] NO SUBJECT
by "Brian Jones" <brian_jones@uk.ibm.com>
- 37) [28810] Re: GQRP - QRPoetry 1
by David.Reid@asml.nl (David Reid)
- 38) [28811] Question: Zepp antennas and Ladder Line
by "Len W. Tough" <len@infinet.com>
- 39) [28812] NO SUBJECT
by "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
- 40) [28813] RE: NorCal kit "Q"
by Dave.Ackrill@LotusXchgPG.powergen.co.uk
- 41) [28814] Re: "Sooper-Shooter" Antenna Launcher
by Greg Weinfurtner <weinfurtner@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>
- 42) [28815] Missed Foxii
by Bill Myers <bjmyers@arc.net>
- 43) [28816] IC706 and Scout Feedback.

by Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
44) [28817] FS: OHR Classic, SW-80, FT-411E, SX-140, HT-40 and More
by ka3eaj@juno.com (Dave Lichtenwalner)
45) [28818] OHR 100 XCVRS
by "Fishman, Clark" <cfishman@pica.army.mil>
46) [28819] VFO drift
by Bensondj@aol.com
47) [28820] Ten Tec Scout
by John Mckee <JMckee@RFMD.com>
48) [28821] Re: Fox in the bag.....
by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
49) [28822] Re: The Fox Chat Room is on line now!
by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
50) [28823] Re: RUFZ
by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
51) [28824] Re: GQRP - QRPoetry 1
by Henry Freedenberg <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
52) [28825] Re: Ten Tec Scout
by Jim Parsons <k5rov@worldnet.att.net>
53) [28826] ICM T12 TX --vaporware?
by MNHopkins@aol.com
54) [28827] RE: Missed Foxii
by n4js@amsat.org
55) [28828] Re: Question: Zepp antennas and Ladder Line
by w4bws@juno.com (Donald E Sanders)
56) [28829] Fox reports not required? Huh?
by Patrick Franzis <franzis@esun19.gdc.com>
57) [28830] RE: NorCal kit "Q"
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
58) [28831] RUFZ 3.0 PC Contest Simulation
by Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
59) [28832] Re: W3EDP Antenna
by Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
60) [28833] Re: PA QSO Party
by Jim <kw3u@warwick.net>
61) [28834] G-QRP Club URL
by "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
62) [28835] N/T+ fox report from Tuesday
by Michael Maiorana <mikemo@ibm.net>
63) [28836] tis poetry, tis qrp
by jdenison@morelr.com (JOEL DENISON)
64) [28837] Re: N/T+ fox report from Tuesday
by Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.CC.Lehigh.EDU>
65) [28838] CB-to-10 conversion remarks
by JCoote@aol.com
66) [28839] Fox Teams.
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
67) [28840] Re: VFO drift

- by Lee Richey <WA3FIY@csonline.net>
- 68) [28841] Thursdays FoxNight
by tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)
- 69) [28842] NorCal Kits Debut Saturday
by ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
- 70) [28843] Pixie2 As Beacon?
by fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
- 71) [28844] Re: CB-to-10 conversion remarks
by "Kevin Muenzler - WB5RUE" <wb5rue@stic.net>
- 72) [28845] Re: Pixie2 As Beacon?
by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
- 73) [28846] Re: FOX: Tuesday night Fox - W7QQQ
by Bill Morris Denton <bdenton@tenet.edu>
- 74) [28847] Re: ICM T12 TX --vaporware?
by "Michael Fletcher" <kl7ixi@mailcity.com>
- 75) [28848] Test
by Martin Squicciarini <skitch@resuba.com>
- 76) [28849] Alaska FOX-L Award
by "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
- 77) [28850] Re: W3EDP Antenna
by Dan Hogan <dhhogan@lightside.com>
- 78) [28851] Re: LED Flashlights
by sarraf@thermacore.com
- 79) [28852] Re: FOX freq is a mess
by Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
- 80) [28853] again?
by "Rattray, Bruce" <Rattray@siast.sk.ca>
- 81) [28854] Socorro Hamfest/Next Spring QRPTTF plans
by wa5whn@juno.com
- 82) [28855] Fox, bag, DX
by SEAB&SHARON LYON <SSLYON@worldnet.att.net>
- 83) [28856] RE: Alaska FOX-L Award
by n4js@amsat.org
- 84) [28857] Re: LED Flashlights
by David Feldman <dgf@netcom.com>
- 85) [28858] Re: Question: Zepp antennas and Ladder Line
by Bill Myers <bjmyers@arc.net>
- 86) [28859] Re: FREQUENCY FOR 10 METER QRP AM
by Glen Reid <k5hgb@flash.net>
- 87) [28860] Scout 555, fox-not
by Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
- 88) [28861] N/T+ FOXHUNT OCT 20 0200-0400 UTC
by ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
- 89) [28862] Re: CW Everywhere....Forever
by Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
- 90) [28863] 'F' Beacon ==> 'FFF' ???
by Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
- 91) [28864] Stripping Parts From Boards

- by ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
- 92) [28865] REMINDER: Backup Bookmarks!
by Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
- 93) [28866] Re: fox
by Dan Tayloe-P26412 <Dan_Tayloe-P26412@email.mot.com>
- 94) [28867] Re: Thursdays FoxNight - TIMES -
by tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)
- 95) [28868] Re: Alaska FOX-L Award
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
- 96) [28869] Thanks for Ten-Tec Info
by Andy Fox <foxes@theriver.com>
- 97) [28870] GQRP web page
by Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
- 98) [28871] WTB: TenTec 20A PS
by "Paul R. Valko" <prvalko@Oakland.edu>
- 99) [28872] Teams for Fall QSO Party
by camqrp@cyberg8t.com (Cam Hartford)
- 100) [28873] Re: Stripping Parts From Boards
by Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
- 101) [28874] TEST DO NOT READ
by John Dorson <jdorson@bbs.mpcs.com>
- 102) [28875] Re: REMINDER: Backup Bookmarks!
by "Taylor Greg" <gtaylor@TAEX003N.tamu.edu>
- 103) [28876] OHR 100
by "Fishman, Clark" <cfishman@pica.army.mil>
- 104) [28877] Thursday's FOX - TIMES
by tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)
- 105) [28878] SRI Lost Message: Stuff Cleaning metal + aluminum ant elements
by "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>
- 106) [28879] ZEPP and ladder line
by bcutter@teal.csn.net (Bob Cutter)
- 107) [28880] Re: NorCal Kits Debut Saturday
by "Mark E. Monninger" <markem@primenet.com>
- 108) [28881] Re: REMINDER: Backup Bookmarks!
by Roger Whitaker <k9ljb@iname.com>
- 109) [28882] Fishing Poles
by Paul Cecil <cecilp@mail3.bunt.com>
- 110) [28883] FOX: 15 OCTOBER FOX REPORT
by Jack Meadows <jackmead@getnet.com>
- 111) [28884] Re: Stripping Parts From Boards
by Ed Tanton <n4xy@bellsouth.net>
- 112) [28885] Fox: How many Aluminum Allies can you work in six minutes?
by "Michael A. Gipe" <mgipe@reliablemeters.com>

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 16:29:15 -0700
From: Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>

To: bhowell@mail.utexas.edu
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28774] Re: N/T Fox evades hunter
Message-ID: <3444004B.1723@qsl.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I think I hear CW/Morse code in my sleep.

The fan, wind, xyl snoring. Yep.

Adds new meaning to the phrase 'can copy code in his sleep'.

Unfortunately you have to wake up to answer your own CQ. Hi-

Hope you get foxii next time.

The 'Foxtail Packers' will let you know where he was.

TU es 73 to all. gn
-Ed Loranger
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72/73 de we6w qrp es cw ONLY (From non-ham to extra in one day!)
HW-8,0HR-100, Pixie2, Johnson Viking II, Drake TR-3
QRP-L#1068,ARCI#9397,Norcal#2227,ARS#275,AR#112 grid CM88ok
mailto:we6w@qsl.net <http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 18:32:01 -0500 (CDT)
From: "Jim R. Hatfield" <jhatfiel@mail.orion.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28775] Tubes
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.971014182708.18925A-100000@orionc0>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Please pardon the bandwidth,I need 2 6JS6 for a tempo-one.Tnx Jim KG0NA

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 19:34:23 -0400
From: Dennis Brickey <n4dd@preferred.com>

To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28776] MODEL 208 TENTEC CW FILTER WANTED
Message-ID: <01BCD8D8.2DD1F000@ppp21.sullivan.preferred.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I AM IN DESPERATE NEED OF A TENTEC 208 CW FILTER FOR MY ARGO
509. CAN ANYONE HELP ME AND OR SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE?
PLEASE E-MAIL ME AT n4dd@preferred.com. THANKS IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR HELP....72 DE DENNIS/N4DD

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 18:30:24 -0500
From: tahrens1@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28777] Toroid Cores
Message-ID: <19971014.183024.11278.2.tahrens1@juno.com>

Thanks to all who supplied the numbers, web locations,
and addresses!

Oh boy, projects here I come...

but first, the FOX! hehe

Good luck to all tonite with QQQ

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Tim W5FN

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 16:57:20 -0700
From: Ken Lopez <kjlopez@earthlink.net>
To: wager@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28778] Re: NorCal kit "Q"
Message-ID: <344406EE.2D55@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK OK OK,

So who from the So Calif. area is going up there? Norm, are you going? I'll give you \$30 so you can buy one for me. I don't care what it actually is any more.

Anyone out there who will help get these Norcal guys off my back?

Cheers,
Ken, N6TZV

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 18:10:18 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28779] "Sooper-Shooter" Antenna Launcher
Message-ID: <3443B58A.7D59@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Check out my new antenna launching tool at:

<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn/sooper.htm>

Hope some of you can use this idea.

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT
AK-QRP 167, ARCI 8946, CQC 176, GQRP 9081, NE-QRP 383, NORCAL 1099,
QRP-L 62

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 20:12:21
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28780] W3EDP ant
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971014201221.25fffa08@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Howdy,

The W3EDP end feed ant seemed to be my best bet to get on 40 here at my

shop QTH. Just put one up this afternoon. I had to run the wire out the window, up to a flag pole and then back over to a tree. Sort of an L shape.

Well, I can't believe it, just worked a station in MI. HB 5 W on this end, Swan 500 on his. Worked well enough to have a regular rag chew. Hot dang, lets see if it can hear the fox!

And I was worried I wouldn't be able to put up an effective 40 ant here. Glad I had that nice WW II ceramic coil form wound with silver plated wire and the Plate tank tuning cap in the junk box for the tuner :-)

73,

Steve, KD1JV....In the White Mountains of New Hampshire

"Melt Solder"

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 20:09:43 -0600
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28781] FOX freq is a mess
Message-ID: <344425E7.3106@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

We need to try to find another starting freq for the fox There are just too many dare I say lids that like to hang out on 7037 or thereabouts. In the listening that I have been doing here, I would vote for a move ABOVE 7040, about 7042. It is about 0208 here and with the 500 hz filter in I can hear the hunter and about 3 other QSO's at the sam time.....

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Jess N0TFI <><
<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>
qrp-1 #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 19:08:56 -0700
From: "Dennis B. Dolle" <dolledb@cet.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28782] CW Everywhere....Forever
Message-ID: <199710150207.TAA28831@cet.cet.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I learned early in my CW career that many otherwise unintelligent devices produce simulated morse code. This phenomenon is especially common after operators experience long periods of actual CW activity, like Field Day or when almost constantly copying morse code off the air in practice for license exams. Squeaky automobile door seals, ceiling fans, furnace blowers, miniature children shaking the sides of their cribs, washing machines, refrigerators, air conditioners, flourescent lights, and all manner of mechanical and inanimate appliances just can't seem to restrain themselves from fooling around with otherwise serious Morse-appreciating amateurs and professionals. I know one QRP'er who swears he copied a full exchange from the Heard Island expedition from the generator belt on his Volkswagon Beetle. I understand that there is no cause for alarm unless the desire to reply to such spurious communications causes one to begin ordering and assembling kit-built equipment in order to complete the contact for WAS or DXCC credit.

Dennis, NX5W

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 20:31:56 -0600
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28783] Fox audio files.
Message-ID: <34442B1C.188C@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all,

I am posted and listening for the fox but nada here but a few callers and a QSO on 1036.5 that will not move. I have heard several loud QRL's ??? and several polite and not so polite answers. Let's remember that there are others out there and there is a lot of bandspace. I am going to start out HIGHER when it is my turn. It seems like there is always a QSO on or around the fox and it makes it real tedious to try to copy two qso's that are zero beat. There must be a bunch or a few people that hang out around there all the time. I wanted to get the openiong pile up recorded tonite but could not because of the QRO QSO there. I will be putting up new audio filed on the Fox File web site later tonight if the others and the bands will cooperate and I can get some decent recordings. I will be using a slower format and should be able to get

more sound in less space. You can find them if I can get something decent at

<http://www.qsl.net/n0tfti>

We'll see. How about a live chat on that web site out there that the qrp'rs were gathering on? What was the URL and if someone will shoot it to me let's meet there to cuss and discuss the hunt. Maybe I should add a chat room to the QSL.net site for us QRP'rs to hunt the fox and chat?

Best

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Jess N0TFI <><

<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>

qrp-l #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 20:33:55 -0600
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28784] Did the FOX move?
Message-ID: <34442B93.592F@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I got away from the radio to add some notes to the reflector and now no fox on 7036.5. Where did he go? I can't record him if he is not there!

:~)

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Jess N0TFI <><

<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>

qrp-l #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 19:36:44 -0700
From: Jeff Grudin <grudin@pacific.vdbs.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28785] A Great week for QRP! (+Fox)
Message-ID: <34457DBC.31D0@vdbs.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just got home from work and sat down at my radio to try to nab the fox and open my mail.

Got a pack from the Bureau. In it I find a card from the very first contact on my Sierra (running 2 watts) to Terra Del Fuego, Argentina.

This is 6336 miles from my home in Santa Cruz. That's 3168 miles/watt!

As I was sitting there taking it in, a weak signal fades in on my radio on the frequency it was already on. Didn't catch the call but heard the 72, dit dit. Sent my call (only once and very politely after the dit dit, Hi Hi) and Jack came back to me with a 559. Wow caught the fox!

Only thing getting better is the QRP meetings at Pacificon in 2 days. Can't wait to get that new Norcal project.

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73 de Jeff AC6KW
grudin@vdbbs.com

QRP-L #16	Private Practice : Companion Animals and Exotics
Norcal QRP #1292	Ocean Animal Clinic / Cat Clinic of Santa Cruz
California	Santa Cruz,

QRP'ers do it with less energy (but lot's of enthusiasm)!

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 22:35:41 -0700
From: astone@erols.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28786] Manual for Tek 190B Sig. Gen.
Message-ID: <3444562D.1F81@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi -- Picked up one of these instruments for free at a hamfest and it appears to work quite well. It would be nice to have the manual though or at least the schematic and key specs. from the manual. Would anyone happen to have it and not mind copying/sending a few pages (will reimburse)? Alternatively, perhaps someone can suggest a possible source for the manual. Thanks.

72,

Ron (KA3J)
Bethesda, MD

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 21:47:16 -0500
From: Wayne Alexander <walexander@wwn.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28787] Fox????
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19971014214716.0069aa2c@pop.wwn.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Where is the fox? Too many stations around him,I guess. I have not heard him yet.

73

KB0PTE,Wayne

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 21:15:57 -0600
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: walexander@wwn.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28788] Re: Fox????
Message-ID: <3444356D.1B05@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wayne Alexander wrote:

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> Where is the fox? Too many stations around him,I guess. I have not heard
> him yet.

> 73

> KB0PTE,Wayne

So far the fox free has been a mess. I have been listening on and off since 0200 at or around 7036.5 and it started off FB but then there were about 2 QSO's right on top of him and then all I could hear is a bunch of others calling him for about 10 minutes. Right now it is 0314 and I don't hear a peep of the fox or the hunters. I was hoping for some more good fox pile up recordings!

Best

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Jess N0TFI <><
<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>
qrp-l #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 20:14:41 -0700 (PDT)
From: Jim W7LS <w7ls@brigadoon.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28789] Silver contacts available, again
Message-ID: <199710150314.UAA14626@k2.brigadoon.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Here we go, again. For those who are interested, I can provide silver plated copper contacts for making keyer paddles, straight keys, etc. These appear to be the same ones that you find on Vibroplex paddles, Bencher, MFJ, etc. About an eighth of an inch in diameter, made of copper, and silver plated. They have a mounting stud on the back, about an eighth of an inch long and a sixteenth of an inch in diameter.

Here is how we worked it last time and it went fine: I can provide a set of 4 contacts (enough to make an iambic keyer paddle set) for a dollar and a self addressed stamped envelope. If you want more contacts, just include a buck for each set of 4 you want. I can provide pretty much any quantity that you want. One guy got 10 sets of 4! As for postage, even that didn't amount to more than a 32 cent stamp, so just put a 32 center on the SASE. I'll put however many you want into a little bag and stuff it in your SASE.

This time, I don't need to hear from you on e-mail first. Just send the SASE asap (wow. What compression!) to me and I'll send them back in one lump. The drop-dead date for getting your order in is Halloween. Whatever orders I have by the time I go out trick or treating is what will go out a couple of days after that. Gotta' have time to sort through them.

Summary: send a SASE and a buck for a set of 4 contacts to:

Jim Hossack W7LS
15221 342nd Ave, NE
Duvall, WA 98019

There are 3 or 4 letters requesting contacts from the last round, which will automatically be part of this next batch. Again, no need to e-mail me. Just send the buck and the SASE.

73 de Jim, W7LS

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 22:31:00 -0700
From: David Bixler <qrp@netins.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28790] FOX: Tuesday night
Message-ID: <34445483.8C7@netins.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang:

The band sounds long tonight. From my Missouri QTH I did not hear anything from Jack till about 0220. Then he slowly started fading up out of the noise with QSB taking him back down into the crud. No pileups heard here.

Finally at 0225 he made it to a marginal 559 here. On a QSB peak he heard me at 0227 and we connected.

By 0245 he was gone forever. Gang, if you have a shot at the Fox, get him while he has his head out of the hole. If you wait for conditions to improve, you may very likely lose him.....

I only heard a very few hunters here. Most signals very weak. The Russian "S" beacon good copy here for what it's worth.

Anybody hear Mike, KF4TRD, the N/T+ Fox tonight? No joy here in the Novice band.

Jack, thanks for pulling me out of the muck. Good job!

72

Dave Bixler W0CH
Seneca, MO
qrp@netins.net

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 20:35:10 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: QRP-L <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28791] Fox in the bag.....
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971014202154.13349A-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Got home from work late.....looked at the moonlight bouncing off the antenna.....ahhhhhh, good, the Fox getter is all polished and ready to go.....gotta remember to thank the XYL for running up there and doing that.....

Inside Carol knows that the time is near. She has even had a cheif come over and help her with dinner. His name was La Choy.

I tuned the rig to a mighty 950 mW.....set the dial to 7036 and went into the kitchen.....the fire was up high to hurry the process of cooking along.

Soon the food was presented at the table.....Carol and I ate a nice relaxed dinner until 0159z. Then it was off to the radio and the chase.....

There was a nice QSO between a 1 and a 2. Strong sigs. But wait, there was a QQQ in there.....I sent my call, once only. Didn't hear anything but wanted to be a nice guy so I just waited a bit longer.

Then there it was again, in there with the qso.....cq cq de w7qqq k someone worked him.....I zeroed to that sig and waited.....soon they were done and I sent my call and heard it come back to me..... Ah, now to make the exchange.....OK, got his info.....now to send mine.....yes, there is the conformation and this Fox is now mine at 0203z.....

Up the band I went, looking for the N/T+ fox.....nada.....nope.... lots of strong signals heard but no fox.

Later, when the Fox was at 7038, there was no qrm and he was looking good. Heard one team member nab him...W5TFB....good sig here!

Are we having fun yet????

cul,

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 21:53:50 -0600
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28792] The Fox Chat Room is on line now!
Message-ID: <34443E4E.9BC@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all,

It is 03:50 Zulu and no fox here. But! I have made another addition to what is becoming the unofficial QRP-L Fox Web Page (at least for the audio files and) CHAT ROOM! Yup, I bit the big one and installed the applet for a Parachat Chat Room that is for us fox hunters to gather in and tail chew er! rag chew. On nights that the fox is not on, consider it free to use for QRP-L gossip. Please, if you read this tonite and have nothing better to do (even if you do!) come on over and log in! Just type your call in the Nickname box and then connect! Feedback, please!

Best

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Jess NOTFI <><
<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>
qrp-1 #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 22:04:43 -0600
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28793] FOX Skunked again!
Message-ID: <344440DB.C04@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well dag nabbit!

Whine and wimper! Here I figured that I would have a whole new batch of Fos file for ya all to hear but NOOOO! Murphy struck! I did hear just a bit of the Mesa guy at about 0210 but then he faded forever away. I did hear a few folks working him at 7037 about 03:30 to 03:45 but betwenn 03:45 and 0400 nada! It appears that the band went really long and then

just about everybody disappeared!

But! while sitting around and listening to static, I did add the Fox Chat room to the Unofficial Fox Chat Room and Audio File Web Page.

Give it a try at

<http://qsl.net/n0tfti>

Oh well, at least my HTML coding is picking up again!

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Jess N0TFI <><

<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>

FOX Page at

<http://www.qsl.net/N0TFI>

qrp-1 #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 00:14:33 -0400 (EDT)

From: "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>

To: qrp-1 <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, eax@w3eax.umd.edu

Subject: [28794] LDG Auto-tuner/balun box group purchase, last call

Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.971015001031.2290A-100000@w3eax.umd.edu>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I'll be sending out the amounts to send in the next couple of days.

Work has gotten insanely busy here.

Again, LAST CALL. We're up to 30 orders, comprising 19 tuners and 21 balun boxes.

AT-11 150w kit \$127.50

AT-11 case \$ 30.00

Complete AT-11 \$190.00

QRP kit \$ 85.00

QRP case \$ 25.00

Complete QRP \$139.00

Balun box kit \$ 20.00

Please let me know:

What you want

Who you are

How you can be reached via US Mail, etc.

Phone number

Thanks, my friends!

(for more info: <http://www.radix.net/~ldg> or e-mail ldg@radix.net or call 410-586-2177)

* Scott Rosenfeld NF3I Burtonsville, MD FM19mc QRV 80-10/6/2/440 *
* 6m 80 grids on 8w * DXCC WAS WAC * QRP-L #147 * QRP ARCI #9054 *
* Charter member, Maryland Milliwatters * W3-VK on 3w mobile CW *
*** 301-549-1022 h / 301-982-1015 w ** Life is one big hamfest ***

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 21:24:17 -0700
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: "Michael A. Gipe" <mgipe@reliablemeters.com>
Cc: QRP-L list server <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, Jack Bryant <jbryant@math.tamu.edu>,
Stan Goldstein <stan@cruzio.com>, Chuck Adams <adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>,
"Michael A. Gipe" <K1MG@amsat.org>
Subject: [28795] Re: Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
Message-ID: <34444571.35A1@sage.dri.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Guys,

I heard Jack catch the critter and I got em'.

How'd everyone else do?

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73, Ron

NRA Life-----Ex W6JX0, DL4RF, N7CRV-----SOWP #5545-M
QRP QRCI #8829----NorCal #330----QRP-L #17-----ARS #49
AR QRP #150-----DM09cg-----New Washoe City, NV

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 20:40:23 -0800
From: "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28796] Alaska Fox-L Award
Message-ID: <34444937.D0F@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK...so how many qualified for the Alaska Fox-L Award?

I was only able to copy 7 stations before my QRN came on. Who are these monster stations, K2VCO and WA1QVM and VE5RC?

Oh, I worked the Fox, too. Mighty grand.

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73, Jim, AL7FS

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Jim Larsen
Anchorage, Alaska
Acupressure Anchorage
AL7FS ex-WA0LPK / KL7
2 meter WAS #36
Vision VR40 Recumbent Bike
<http://www.servcom.com/worcester/chat.htm> QRP Chat

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 00:41:46 EDT
From: kb0rol@juno.com (Bradley L Mugleston)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28797] FOX - Skunked
Message-ID: <19971014.213012.10303.5.kb0rol@juno.com>

Heard some QQQ's but that was about it. Every once in awhile I could hear the Hounds but there was nothing else to be heard at my QTH in Colorado.

Usually AZ comes in great - someone is playing tricks on the propagation,

KNOCK IT OFF - I want to play.

de KB0ROL, Brad

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 00:47:06 -0400
From: Greg Pollard <cwgreg@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28798] Re: W3EDP Antenna
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971015004706.46078746@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 05:28 PM 10/9/97 +0000, you wrote:

>Chris:

>

>It can be located at <http://gqrpclub.demon.co.uk/w3edp.htm> and in fact I
>just double-checked to see if it is still on the page.

>

I have tried this URL several times and it will not come up. Can someone
tell me if it is correct?

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Greg W8XP

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 21:51:06 -0700
From: talljazz@teleport.com (Dan Presley)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28799] AA1MY
Message-ID: <v01530500b069f65f600e@[206.163.123.146]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Sorry to post to list-Seab-sorry to cut the qso short, but the Fox came up
on freq,(7040) and couldn't hear you. Good hunting!

Dan N7CQR

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 00:05:13 -0600
From: "Basil (Darin) Arrick" <basila@OnRamp.NET>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28800] Need Japanese semiconductor cross references
Message-ID: <199710150456.XAA24733@mailhost.onramp.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

This isn't strictly QRP, but it IS for a QRP project. :-)

Who can tell me some substitutions for the following Japanese semiconductors?

2SK59
2SK124
2SK241
SN16913
TA7358AP
TA7359P

Where do I get them?

Thanks,

Basil, KB5KHR

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Basil (Darin) Arrick	P.O. Box 820054, North Richland Hills, TX, 76182	
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basil@orthodox.net	Orthodox Christian	http://www.orthodox.net
basil@homestead.org	Homesteader/Farmer	http://www.homestead.org
ICQ # 3352463	ICQ User	http://www.mirabilis.com
	Microsoft NetMeeting	ils.family.four11.com
KB5KHR	Amateur (Ham) Radio	EM13ja
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Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 01:20:39 -0400 (EDT)
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
To: QRP Reflector <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28801] Re: The Fox Chat Room is on line now!
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.93.971015011146.2229B-100000@dns.vidtel.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Tue, 14 Oct 1997, Jess Gypin wrote:

> Feedback, please!

It's at www.qsl.net/notfi Go there, live it, learn it, love it:) There were about ten of us on there after the hunt tonight, this may turn out to be the "scope" for all those "fox rifles" out there. With 2000 pairs of eyes around the country where's a fox gonna hide. Jess says it holds 25 people, so it might get a little crowded. Hey Chuck, is this cheating?

KF4TRD, (N/T+ fox) stopped in and said nine hunters got him. He sounded

beat, he even typed tired:)

Very, very, cool. Thanks Jess, es 72

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-- Chris Cartwright,   Technical Engineer   |      ccart@vidtel.com      --  
-- N3XRV      ARRL-VE   QRP WAS 20/10(w/c)   |      ccart@erols.com      --  
-- QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 QRP-ARCI #????? | http://dns.vidtel.com/~ccart --
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Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 22:49:24 -0700
From: Stan <stan@cruzio.com>
To: ku7y@sage.dri.edu
Cc: "Michael A. Gipe" <mgipe@reliablemeters.com>, QRP-L list server <qrp-
l@lehigh.edu>, Jack Bryant <jbryant@math.tamu.edu>,
Chuck Adams <adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>, "Michael A. Gipe" <K1MG@amsat.org>
Subject: [28802] Re: Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
Message-ID: <34445964.A6B@cruzio.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Monte Stark wrote:

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>  
> Hi Guys,  
>  
> I heard Jack catch the critter and I got em'.  
>  
> How'd everyone else do?  
> --  
> 73, Ron
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I got him, and I got nr3z last Wed nite too.. missed my wed class due to fox flu.
(Actually just felt like cutting class , it's bben boring w/ an ill
prepared instructor and a lab that isn't finished).

Did NR3Z ever post his results ?

I thought I heard k5fo get him too..

Stan n6xu 72.5

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 01:28:06 -0600
From: "Basil (Darin) Arrick" <basila@OnRamp.NET>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28803] (A)FSK on QRP Kit rigs?
Message-ID: <199710150626.BAA15835@mailhost.onramp.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Is there a way to fit an (A)FSK mod onto the modern QRP kit rigs,
specifically the OHR100A (30M) or the Small Wonder Labs GM-30? Basically, can
these rigs be used for HF digital modes, with appropriate mods?

Thanks,

Basil, KB5KHR

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+-----+-----+-----+
| Basil (Darin) Arrick | P.O. Box 820054, North Richland Hills, TX, 76182 |
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| basil@orthodox.net   | Orthodox Christian   | http://www.orthodox.net |
| basil@homestead.org  | Homesteader/Farmer   | http://www.homestead.org |
| ICQ # 3352463        | ICQ User             | http://www.mirabilis.com |
|                      | Microsoft NetMeeting | ils.family.four11.com |
|                      | Amateur (Ham) Radio  | EM13ja                  |
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Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:29:57 +0200
From: Ullrich Swoboda <dl2heb@ibm.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28804] Re: RUFZ
Message-ID: <344462E5.1451@ibm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Junius B. Fox wrote:

>
> Am intersted in the RUFZ codepractice program.. where can it be had???
>
> Foxy
> w5hir@mail.phoenix.net

>
> "success is recognizing a dead horse and burying it with the least ceremony"

Please have a look at:

<ftp://nic.funet.fi/pub/ham/morse/rufz212e.zip>

If you are interested in some other cw/morse software, here is the
contents of the subdirectory
/pub/ham/morse/

codebeep.zip	Training Aid for CW
codet20s.zip	CODE-T Morse Code Tutor (0 - 5 WPM) - WA6EHL
codep40s.zip	CODE-P Morse Code Practice (5 - 25 WPM) - WA6EHL
cp222c.zip	Code Practice v2.22c - VU2ZAP
cw.zip	CW send/receive with PC - W9CF
cwave.zip	Filter and Convert Morse Signals with a Windows sound card
cwdril.zip	Interactive CW Practise (paddle in serial port) - HB9DBC
cwspeed.zip	CW Speed Measuring program - AE8G
cwt-142.zip	CW Trainer v14.2
cwtsr.zip	CW-TSR Utility to use your computer as a CW keyer - S57RA
ditdah23.zip	Send & receive morse tutor for PC - ON5KN
dl5morse.exe	Morse Trainer v2.0 (German) - DL5KBP
dmv102.exe	Morse Teaching Program - GOMDO
dspmorse.zip	Receive Morse code with a Sound Blaster board - Rocco
Caputo	
imct.exe	International Morse Code Trainer v1.95 (DOS) - AC3L
imctwin.exe	International Morse Code Trainer v2.11 for Windows - AC3L
imcpw312.zip	International Morse Code Processor v3.13 for Windows
linux	Morse Code programs for Linux
ma52g.zip	Morse Academy v5.2g - AH0A
maxm10a.zip	CW program for the PC (with radio interface)
morse.gif	Morse Code in a GIF picture
morsmn10.zip	MorseMan converts text to Morse code
mosh32.zip	Send Morse with PC v3.2 - SM6KFY
mpp110a.zip	Morse Code Practise Program v1.10a - W3IMA
mscodd40.zip	Morse Code Made Easy (DOS) 4.0 - a menudriven CW learning tool
mscodw61.zip	Morse Code Made Easy (Win) 6.1 - a menudriven CW learning tool
numors14.zip	Morse Code Practice for MS Windows v1.40 - G4AUD
oe9morse.zip	OE9-Morse Code Practice v3.60E - OE9KGJ
ped412i.zip	CW Pile-Up Trainer v4.12i - JE3MAS
pileup.exe	CW Pile-Up Trainer v1.03 (for Win95) - G4ZFE
rufz212e.zip	Offline CW Contest Simulator - DL4MM

sm416.zip Super Morse v4.16 - WD5CID
xtapls01.zip Extraplus CW trainer beyond 20 wpm - KC7IG

72, Ulli (DL2HEB)

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 00:44:18 -0600
From: "Steve Hurst" <shurst@magiclink.com>
To: <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28805] Re: The Fox Chat Room is on line now!
Message-ID: <199710150636.CAA24918@nss4.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

 If Jess's chat room gets too busy during the fox hunt (or anytime) you
are more than WELCOME to use the chat room on my page ! Jess's page was
busy tonight (Jay W5JAY, and I were the last ones to log off !) Nice
work Jess !!! Should prove to be a nice "weapon" for catching those crafty
critters !!

73,
Steve Hurst
KA7NOC
<http://www.magiclink.com/web/shurst>
38S
WPC MK-22
and other such stuff !!!

. Jess says it holds 25
> people, so it might get a little crowded. ccart --

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:58:22 +0200
From: Ullrich Swoboda <dl2heb@ibm.net>
To: cwgreg@worldnet.att.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [28806] Re: W3EDP Antenna, correct URL
Message-ID: <3444698E.5975@ibm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greg Pollard wrote:

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> At 05:28 PM 10/9/97 +0000, you wrote:
> >Chris:
> >
> >It can be located at <http://gqrpclub.demon.co.uk/w3edp.htm> and in fact I
> >just double-checked to see if it is still on the page.
> >
> I have tried this URL several times and it will not come up. Can someone
> tell me if it is correct?
>
> TU
> Greg W8XP

Hi, Greg
the correct URL is

<http://www.gqrpclub.demon.co.uk/w3edp.htm>

and, btw there are some other nice antenna ideas on

<http://www.gqrpclub.demon.co.uk/ants.htm>

vy 72, Ulli (DL2HEB, GQRP-7565)

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 03:37:08 -0400 (EDT)
From: Blackpug1@aol.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28807] Surface mount Pixie II
Message-ID: <971015003925_-1672798735@emout08.mail.aol.com>

Where can you get a surface mount Pixie II? And what is the cost?

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 01:30:47 -0800
From: David Kidd <ka7ozo@pacifier.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [28808] Weekend registration?
Message-ID: <v03007801b06a3d55da40@[206.163.58.113]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Can we sign up for teams using E-mail or am I going to have to send in a post card saying who will be working together?

72,
Dave

Amateur Radio Operator:
KA70Z0 @ K7IQI.#NWOR.OR.USA.NOAM (packet)
QRP enthusiast (QRP is all you need!)
10X #53134
County Chaser (986 confirmed)

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 04:45:42 EDT
From: "Brian Jones" <brian_jones@uk.ibm.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28809] NO SUBJECT
Message-ID: <199710150845.EAA25832@nss4.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Fishing Poles

Guys,
looks like I'll be making one of my occassional forays
'across the pond' in a couple of weeks. Going to be in Rochester Mn
for a few days (and YES - will be there the w'end of Hamfest
Minnesota! so perhaps see some of you there) and then 2 days in
Austin Tx

My XYL wants a gift bringing back - a Black Widow fishing pole so she
can make a St Louis Vertical. Anyone know of any stores in the
Rochester/ Minneappolis/St Pauls or Austin localities where I might
find one? This is a business trip so shopping time will be limited :-(

Thanks (and thanks in advance from XYL - M0ACL)

Brian - G0UKB / KB8YKJ

Brian Jones
Java Technology Centre
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BEJONES AT WINVMD bejones@hursley.ibm.com

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:19:32 +0200
From: David.Reid@asml.nl (David Reid)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28810] Re: GQRP - QRPoetry 1
Message-ID: <199710150919.LAA19849@wspub002.asml.nl>

>
>I'll try to come up with an appropriate HaikuRP...
>

No doubt with iambic pentameter....

Sorry guys, couldn't resist a key phrase like that...

Hope it 'clicks' with you.

seven trees (as they say in Ireland)

Dave
PA3HBB / G0BZF

Date: Sat, 5 Mar 98 06:42:12 -0000
From: "Len W. Tough" <len@infinet.com>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, <cw@qst.net>
Subject: [28811] Question: Zepp antennas and Ladder Line
Message-ID: <199710151116.HAA09600@mail1.infinet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Hi Gang:

A local ham uses a double extended Zepp with Ladder line for many ops,
including QRP with great success.

This antenna is simple, and seems to be *VERY* efficient.

OMNI V Icom 751a Sierra Argo 515 Norcal 40a SW-40 49er 38S
Mercury Paddles Emtech ZM-1 MFJ 259 MFJ 941D GAP TNT/2 Windom
SLV/W6MMA G5RV Autek QF-1 RS DSP-40

"Things should be as simple as possible, but no simpler"--A. Einstein

Date: 15 Oct 1997 11:57:23 +0000
From: Dave.Ackrill@LotusXchgPG.powergen.co.uk
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28813] RE: NorCal kit "Q"
Message-ID: <971015115723Z*/G=Dave/S=Ackrill/O=LotusXchgPG/PRMD=POWERGEN/
ADMD=CWMAIL/C=GB/@MHS>

Ah Ha,

So it costs 30 Dollars and it begins with a Q (That bit about Queuing
didn't fool anyone Jim)

It's either a "Q" meter for finding out the bandwidth and efficiency of
your antenna/that toroid coil that you have spent half the night winding
nice and neatly which will not work half as well as the scramble wound
bit of junk that it replaces, or its a box for decoding the more esoteric
"Q" codes used. For example:-

"I'm going QSY for a while" instead of using the correct code as in "QRT"
"There's lots of QS Baker about" instead of "UR 419 QSB"
"Wats yer QTH?" which is a crude translation of "Wats yer 20?"

Either way it will be one heck of a clever box of tricks for just 30
Dollars (or about 15 pounds to us Brits)

Regards - Dave (G0DJJA)

"I'd like empirical methods better if the results were more predictable"

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 07:58:24 -0400
From: Greg Weinfurtner <weinfurtner@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28814] Re: "Sooper-Shooter" Antenna Launcher
Message-ID: <v03110702b06a600fb87c@[132.235.72.186]>

MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

>Check out my new antenna launching tool at:
>
><http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn/sooper.htm>
>
>Hope some of you can use this idea.
>--

Roger,

Well done! Looks like a formidable antenna accessory! May have to convert my lil "wrist rocket" into one. Thanks for the picture and work!

NS80

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 07:09:10
From: Bill Myers <bjmyers@arc.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussions" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28815] Missed Foxii
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971015070910.21877420@mail.arc.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I'm not really sure what it is about Tuesday nights (Wed mornings) but this is the third week in a row I've not got a fox on Tues. At least I heard the pack after Jack, that's an improvement. And Mike did jump up out of the static noise a few times, just never enough to really get him.

Oh well, There's always Thursday, my percentage is better there...

72

Bill KK4KF

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 06:26:15 -0600
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28816] IC706 and Scout Feedback.

Message-ID: <3444B667.4967@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks to all who responded to the IC706 and Scout feedback that I asked for. It seems that in the opinions of most is that when the Scout gets warm, the frequency shifts out beyond the capabilities of the micro and that the thing drifts a bit when warming up. It will drift when it gets hot. Most people say that this is not a problem on SSB but gets annoying for CW use. I am picky about CW and would not like a drifty radio especially after just plopping down 500-600 plus bux for a new rig! It seems that a good used radio would be a better buy. This was a disappointment to me as there is a need for a simple 50-100 watt rig that caters to the entry level and QRP and "I like 'em simple" radio crowd. That is the very reason that I sold my TS850, too many knobs! The IC706 got praise, but a few mentioned a dislike of having to dive into the menu system to do a lot of the functions. Good receiver and all, most that had them liked them.

Not a lot of feedback on the DX70 Alinco. Just must not be a lot of them out there.

As far as Scout availabiltiy, they are on a 5 week back order, but Tentec has some "demos" available for \$511. The demos are ones that were purchased used and returned because the purchaser decided not to keep the radio for whatever reason.

There were almost as many comments from Scout users and one Argo user that had no problems with drift. One Scout owner complained that the receiver was noisy and another said that his receiver was better and quieter than the receiver in his Kenwood.

That's about the jest of it guys. Just htink of all the QRP rigs that you could buy with the 500-700 bux that the Scout costs! Thanks to all who responded, you guys are great..

Best

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Jess N0TFI <><
<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>
qrp-l #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:27:37 -0400
From: ka3eaj@juno.com (Dave Lichtenwalner)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28817] FS: OHR Classic, SW-80, FT-411E, SX-140, HT-40 and More
Message-ID: <19971015.082738.12758.0.ka3eaj@juno.com>

The shack is beginning to look like a hamfest tailgating area. Time to

sell a few items.

OHR QRP Classic w/built-in keyer, 5W 40M & 20M \$150

Small Wonder Labs SW-80 in SWL enclosure, 1.5W 30-35 kHz of 80M \$60

MFJ-971 QRP Portable Tuner \$65

MFJ-901B Versa Tuner \$45

MFJ-931 Artificial Ground \$60

MFJ-812B VHF SWR/FS meter \$20

Curtis 8044ABM keyer chip & PCB (NorCal package) \$10

Yaesu FT-411E 2M Handheld w/YH-2 boom headset, Novex spkr/mic & 12V DC adapter \$125

Hallicrafters SX-140 receiver and HT-40 transmitter, both are in good physical condition and are complete with manuals \$110

Palomar PT-340 Tuner Tuner \$40

B&W FL10/1500 1.5 kW 160-10M low pass filter \$30

Unless noted otherwise, all are in excellent condition and include manuals. Prices include CONUS shipping.

72,
Dave KA3EAJ

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 07:56:55 -0400
From: "Fishman, Clark" <cfishman@pica.army.mil>
To: "'qrp-l@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28818] OHR 100 XCVRS
Message-ID: <61184F6C1EF9D0119A6300609798EA461F41D2@pica-emh9.pica.army.mil>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Does someone know what is the mixer in in the OHR 100 transceivers???

is it a 602 or a double balanced diode mixer ??

tnx, Clark Fishman WA2UNN cfishman@pica.army.mil

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:53:00 -0400 (EDT)
From: Bensondj@aol.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: jessqrp@concentric.net
Subject: [28819] VFO drift
Message-ID: <971015085215_-492666740@emout01.mail.aol.com>

Hi gang-

Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net> wrote:

>>Subject: [28710] Re: Rig feedback IC-706 and Tentec Scout 555

>>I talked with Gordon at Tentec today. I called to inquire about Scout
>>pricing and availability and asked about the drift problem. I am not
>>sure that I would call it a drift, it is really more of a "jump" in
>>frequency. A drift is a slow fade up or down in frequency. The Scout
>>will actually hop around a few KC when you are working someone with
>>them. Some do it, some don't. Gordon acknowledged that they have that
>>problem. He claims that the micro that controls the frequency does not
>>get enough time to reset back to the proper freq on fast or long
>>transmissions. When I asked him how fast fast was, he would not say for
>>sure. He said that if when you are operating one you would allow a
>>second or two pause "every so often" that the micro would spot the
>>frequency and not "hop".

Ten-Tec is using what we've referred to as a 'Huff-n-Puff' scheme, and it requires a pretty long counting period- on the order of 100 msec or more- to achieve good frequency stability. With a QSK rig, the T-R sequencing is pretty rapid, and factors like key-down LO pulling also complicate things.

Lee Richey's excellent article in September's QST, by the way, alludes to the difficulty of providing stabilization during transmit- it's a thorny problem. At high CW speeds, there's not enough time to get a good frequency count, so the best fallback is to disable the loop. This requires that the loop 'catch its breath' during the next pause, so the VFO will free-run until then and then jump back when the operator pauses.

If the rig in jumps to an entirely new frequency after prolonged transmit intervals, it's because the routine which figures out which way to adjust the frequency is confused. In all likelihood, this routine was implemented with 8-bit precision. With a loop resolution, of say, 5 Hz, the total lock range is 256 times this, or about 1.3 KHz. Once the loop drifts out of this range, when it tries to relock it'll be at an entirely new frequency. The jumping can be remedied by using a newer controller device with a 16-bit counter, or

with additional code. In either case, it's a significant change, and the vendor would certainly be reluctant to fix something that isn't always 'broke'.

(As for prospective buyers being told about this quirk- as the wedding caterer from Steve Martin's "Father of the Bride" said:- "I don't sink so")
;-)

See you at Pacificon on Saturday!- looking forward to meeting many of the west coast gang. :-)

73, Dave- NN1G

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 09:09:13 -0400
From: John Mckee <JMckee@RFMD.com>
To: "'QRP-L'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28820] Ten Tec Scout
Message-ID:
<c=US%a=_%p=RF_Micro_Devices%l=PACHACUTEC-971015130913Z-2891@proxy1.rfmd.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Gang,

I've owned a Scout for about 4 years and operate mostly CW.
I think there are a few short comings in the rig but after all it is meant to be a less expensive rig than some of the mult-kilo buck Yeacomwood rigs.

There are features I like and some I dislike but put up with.
As far as the frequency jump problem, one way to get around it is to use an external keyer. The internal keyer uses the microprocessor so it monitors frequency in between dits and dahs. I personally don't like the weighting of the built-in keyer, and also would rather turn a pot than use the paddles to change keyer speed. Using the paddles sounds like a good idea but if you find yourself needing to change speeds frequently, it's a big nuisance.

During a conversation with Ten Tec, they admitted the heat sink is a bit small for the amount of heat dissipated by the PA. However the PA transistors are rated at 80 watts dissipation EACH. You would have to try hard to blow it up! I put a small fan on the back and took care of the excess heat, and some of the drift too.

If you use light weight stereo phones you'll notice the ever present microprocessor buzz. I have a pair of Kenwood HS-5 headphones that don't have the high frequency response of the stereo type and the buzz is just barely noticeable.

I have not tried modifying the rig, yet. It's just my personal opinion that the drift, if it's really a problem at all, would be less noticeable than a sudden jump.

Ok, now that I've beat up on my Scout, what do I like? I didn't have to take out a second mortgage! Over all I really like it. It's easy to use, just turn it on and operate. For my style of operating (very casual) it fits just right. Would I buy one again? Yes.

Thanks for the bandwidth es 73 for now,

John WB4OFT

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:12:36 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: ku7y@sage.dri.edu
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28821] Re: Fox in the bag.....
Message-ID: <199710151312.0AA02414@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Ron,

I waited until after an hour into the hunt to get him. I knew that there was going to be a rush, so I took the TenTec down to the low end of the band.

Heard Andy F3NB again and again he didn't hear me. But he did work a QRP'er up in 3-land.

I was tuning down and heard DL8WN calling CQ NV with no takers. Now that would have been a test of the pile of aluminum.

For the group, if the fox is at a later hour, and if there is a pileup or you can't hear him and if you have a VFO and you have an Extra then go down the lower 25 and if you don't have an Extra then work as low as you can and tune up listening for rare DX. The old people have gone to bed and the band isn't as crowded and in fact you can tune 5 or more KHz and not hear a peep.

The comments about the area around 7.040MHz being crowded with QSOs is correct. Think about it. Even the Extras pretty much stay out of the lower 25 for QSOs due to the considerable number of people down there chasing DX and the number of DX stations down there chasing DX and DXers chasing anyone..... :-) So where do they all go. 7.040MHz 'cuz it's a nice round easy number to send and to remember and it looks pretty on the dial of a fancy Yaesu/Icom/Kenwood/ etc. Ever wonder why the county hunters picked 14.0555 MHz for their net????

The fox did move up towards the last and remember this gang. What you are hearing isn't what the fox is hearing unless he is a neighbor of yours. Principle of reciprocity doesn't work here.

Also, if you hear one of the Russian Beacons around 7.039-7.040+ then the band is long so you outta move away a few minutes from the fox and check out the band for DX. It is getting that time of the year and you did note the lack of QRN didn't you? I knew you did. The name of the game is how late can YOU stay up and still go to work the next day? :-)

FYI

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:19:22 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: ccart@dns.vidtel.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28822] Re: The Fox Chat Room is on line now!
Message-ID: <199710151319.0AA02493@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Chris,

The idea of exchanging information by any means to catch the fox is not cheating. This is not a contest, it is a fun event and some competition on the side. :-)

The only thing that bothers me is you guys/girls outta be at the rig tuning around the band, not on the Internet. Besides all that RFI from the CPU and the monitor are killing your S/N ratio. No wonder you guys aren't having any luck. :-)

As long as the fox hears you and gets your call right in the log we don't know what you did to get there. We don't have a classification for assisted contacts like in contests.....

ciao,
Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:24:45 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: dl2heb@ibm.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28823] Re: RUFZ
Message-ID: <199710151324.0AA02560@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

rufz212e.zip, although still a good program, is not the one you want.

You want version rufz 3.0 or your scores and the time you spend is worthless. I'll put the 3.0 version at ftp.lehigh.edu in incoming and have Jim move it to a permanent place.

Stay tuned for a posting on where to get it.

Everyone that sees a site with RUFZ 2.12E, please have them remove it and go get the latest version. If you are gonna play, you outta have the right version, it's like having a bowling ball to play tennis, it'll be interesting but not much fun later. :-)

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<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 09:22:42 -0400
From: Henry Freedenberg <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>

To: David.Reid@asml.nl
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28824] Re: GQRP - QRPoetry 1
Message-ID: <3444C3A2.5397@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

David Reid wrote:

>
> >
> >I'll try to come up with an appropriate HaikuRP...
> >
>
> No doubt with iambic pentameter....
>

How can you do Haiku in iambic pentameter? Last time I looked, the two were mutually exclusive.

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:35:23 -0500
From: Jim Parsons <k5rov@worldnet.att.net>
To: JMcKee@RFMD.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28825] Re: Ten Tec Scout
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19971015083523.0079e840@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Interesting, John. But, I have had three Scouts. I used only an external keyer. At 25-30 WPM, my long-winded rag-chewing speeds, my Scouts would jump (or drift) right out of the other fellers bandpass. I had any number of people ask me if I was using a Scout before I even told them. They could tell by the well known "Scout shift". External cooling did not help me much. In this day and age, we have come to expect better stability than that. My three Scouts worked great on SSB, however.

I have found that Ten-Tec makes excuses for their shortcomings, but seldom admits to them. As a result, nothing gets changed. I have two Ten-Tecs left, a Corsair-2, which is outstanding, and a Centaur amplifier, which would awaken the dead with its loud fan and clicking relay in QSK. However, the Centaur is otherwise a fine amplifier.

But, Ten-Tec still has the best QSK in the business, I think.

Jim, K5ROV

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>John WB40FT

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James (Jim), Parsons, K5ROV USAF, Ret.
k5rov@worldnet.att.net QCWA, NWQRP, Fists, ARRL
EX: W1RLA, K5FBB, K4FEO, SV0WN (CRETE), SV0WN (RHODES),
DL4NC, DL4JP, KA2FC (JAPAN), KA2JP (JAPAN).
JOHN 3:16

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 09:57:05 -0400 (EDT)
From: MNHopkins@aol.com
To: boatanchors@theporch.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28826] ICM T12 TX --vaporware?
Message-ID: <971015095604_579350129@emout12.mail.aol.com>

Back in the Eisenhower era, in the December 1957 QST on page 33, there is a review of a 80 or 40M 12BH7/5763 transmitter board from International Crystal, the converter people. It has no case and no p/s -- just the board 3 1/2 X 6 inches with or without tubes or crystal, assembled or not in the range of \$8.95 to \$15.95. A paid ad appears at page 114.

This marketing scheme presages today's proliferation of QRP kits and would be historic -- if they ever existed at all.. In many years of radio trading and in the last year of intensive study of this company, I cannot find independent verification that one of these things ever left the factory. No later ads are seen, and no Novice column speaks of them. One wonders if in the burst of 6M activity that occurred about then, the converters and STP-10 transmitters put them on the backburner from where they never escaped.

So how about it, Novices with K something calls, did you or anyone else ever see an International Crystal T-12 transmitter?

de ab5l, michael in dallas, student of ICM, Tecraft, and mementoes of Six Meter's Golden Age: 1957-58 MNHopkins@AOL.com

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 09:56:35 -0400 (EDT)
From: n4js@amsat.org
To: Bill Myers <bjmyers@arc.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28827] RE: Missed Foxii
Message-ID: <XFMail.971015095844.n4js@amsat.org>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

MIME-Version: 1.0

On 15-Oct-97 Bill Myers typed:

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Heard Jack for about 30 min between 0240 and 0310. Then he dropped into the noise. I could not penetrate the "Texas Curtain" it seems he worked every station in Texas, with a couple of OK and an AR thrown in. I could sure hear a pileup here! I tried deperately to break through, but no go.

Sent at 09:58:44 on 15-Oct-97

John L. Sielke n4js@amsat.org n4js@pobox.com
n4js@qsl.net NJ Grid:FM29LN
http://www.qsl.net/n4js NJ-QRP #57 QRP-L #884
QRP-ARCI #9328 CQC #443 CQrp #50
NE-QRP #507 G-QRP #9544 NorCal #1989 QCWA FISTS #2781 ARS #243
WIMPS Qs=032 30m=29 17m=3 12m=0 States=09/02/00 Countries=16/02/00

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:18:55 EDT
From: w4bws@juno.com (Donald E Sanders)
To: len@infinet.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28828] Re: Question: Zepp antennas and Ladder Line
Message-ID: <19971015.103134.10615.1.W4BWS@juno.com>

There is an article in the QST in last 2-3 months regarding a 40 meter extended zepp(178 feet long) with ladder line feed as all band antenna. It should outperform G5RV, windom or coax dipole if you have room for it.

Donald E. Sanders W4BWS
694 E. Eau Gallie Blvd. Satellite Beach, Fl 32937
407-779-0222 Fax 407-779-0830
E-mail to w4bws@juno.com
My favorite QRP rig glows in the dark

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:20:43 -0400

From: Patrick Franzis <franzis@esun19.gdc.com>
To: QRP Digest <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28829] Fox reports not required? Huh?
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.96.971015101537.5912D-100000@esun479>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I saw a comment on FOX reports and how they are not required. Why would you not want to post the results? I think these foxhunts are also great propagation studies, I like to see what states were heard by the FOX. If I can't hear one, I want to know if other stations in my area had better results.

I say post 'em!

-Patrick

N10CJ
Norcal #171, QRP-L #409 QRP-ARCI #9444
Email: n10cj@qsl.net, franzis@gdc.com
Web: <http://www.qsl.net/n10cj>
Rigs: Kenwood TS-120S @qrp, Oak Hills Spirit 40, Norcal 38-S
Antenna: 40M Inverted V at 35'

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 07:30:17 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: Dave.Ackrill@LotusXchgPG.powergen.co.uk
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28830] RE: NorCal kit "Q"
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971015072754.14438F-100000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Dave,

Hey, I'm including a respectable bribe to be sure I get a very low serial number.....

But gee, I thought everyone knew what it was.

I can't tell you now.....it's all part of getting a low number.....

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:46:14 -0400 (EDT)
From: Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28831] RUFZ 3.0 PC Contest Simulation
Message-ID: <970ct15.104615-0400_edt.10421-20646+12@hooch.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
Content-Type: text

Gang,

The RUFZ PC Contest Simulation from DL4MM is available via anonymous ftp:

<ftp://ftp.lehigh.edu/pub/listserv/qrp-l/tools/rufz30.exe>

or send the following command, in the body of an e-mail, to listserv@Lehigh.EDU to obtain the file in UUEncode format via e-mail:

GET QRP-L/TOOLS RUFZ30.EXE

RUFZ30.EXE is a self-extracting executable. Also visit the TOEC RUFZ page at:

<http://home2.swipnet.se/~w-28723/toec/rufz.htm>

where you can download RUFZ, report your scores, and see the International Top List.

73
Jim N3VXI

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:08:08 +0000 (GMT)
From: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
To: cwgreg@worldnet.att.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [28832] Re: W3EDP Antenna
Message-ID: <199710151008.KAA08802@okcforum.org>
Content-Type: text

>
> At 05:28 PM 10/9/97 +0000, you wrote:
> >Chris:
> >
> >It can be located at <http://gqrpclub.demon.co.uk/w3edp.htm> and in fact I
> >just double-checked to see if it is still on the page.
> >
> I have tried this URL several times and it will not come up. Can someone
> tell me if it is correct?

I've never been able to get any of the gqrpclub.demon.co.uk stuff to come up-- none of it. And I've tried quite a few times. It's a real shame, too...sounds like there's a lot of neat stuff there. (I always get Netscape's pop-up window announcing, "A network error occurred: unable to connect to server (TCP error: Bad file number) The server may be down or unreachable. Try connecting again later.") Actually, I get this pop-up from time to time when trying URL's from all over. The difference is, the "Try connecting again later" advice works for everything else, but I get that pop-up every single time I try any of the gqrpclub.demon.co.uk URL's. This is the only web server out there that just totally refuses to come up, so the chances that my failures are due to any sort of local configuration errors are practically nil. Apparently it's just a very, very cranky web server.

--Jim WB5UDE

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:09:49 -0700
From: Jim <kw3u@warwick.net>
To: malman@BBN.COM
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28833] Re: PA QSO Party
Message-ID: <344506ED.5EE@warwick.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Joel Malman wrote:

>
> Folks,
>
> I have not seen anyone mention the PA QSO Party of this past weekend. There
> was a QRP entry mode! And I had a blast working PA on 40 and 80 CW and SSB.

>
> Sure, I had some hard to complete contacts on SSB as there was a lot of QRM
> (SSB on 40 is always pretty hard, especially when the BC band boys move in).
> QRP CW was a breeze from MA to PA -- wide open all day and night.
>
> I ended up with 192 Q's (76 on SSB), all 4w QRP with my G5RV in the woods.
>
> Anyone else on the list work the PA QSO party QRP this weekend? Anyone from
> Ma. ? Did you have fun with this QRP contest also??
>
> /joel walqvm malman@bbn.com -- Condo restricted in Concord Ma.
> QRP-L 337, NORCAL 1884, QRP-ARCI 9305, et al., WIMPS, etc, etc.

Hi Joel and gang;

Yep I was there and had a blast Saturday was decent condx,
but sunday was pretty ruff. With the ic725 and longwire I mainly
used cw on 40/80 but after working almost all that I heard, I decided
what the hell...jumped on ssb and could not believe it,worked damn
near every station i heard, and met many nice ops that kept trying
to get the exchange during qsb(or when a megawatt stn set up shop
near us). I had the pleasure of working some noted qrp-l ers such
as ka3wtf and wb3aal; i gotta check my log to see if i worked u
Joel. about 210 qso's; 61 of 67 counties and 15 or so sections.
Now I'm ready for sweepstakes in Nov. 72 Jim kw3u

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 07:12:23 -0800
From: "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28834] G-QRP Club URL
Message-ID: <3444DD57.3891@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Try:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/g4wif/gqrp.htm>

Seems to work.

73, Jim, AL7FS

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Jim Larsen
Anchorage, Alaska
Acupressure Anchorage

AL7FS ex-WA0LPK / KL7
2 meter WAS #36
Vision VR40 Recumbent Bike
<http://www.servcom.com/worcester/chat.htm> QRP Chat

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:19:36 -0400
From: Michael Maiorana <mikemo@ibm.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28835] N/T+ fox report from Tuesday
Message-ID: <3444DF08.4534@ibm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Here is the N/T+ fox report from tuesday (10/15/97 @ 0200 - 0400 utc).
This is my first shot as the fox so excuse me if I messed you up. The
band got worse as the night wore on, I got nothing after 0311 utc. Then
spent 45 minutes calling CQ FOX. Man was my hand tired!! I realized
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0233	7116	K0EVZ	55N	MN
0238	7116	K1HS	559	NH
0243	7116	VE3ELA	559	ONT, CANADA
0251	7116	KB0ZDF	429	IA #916
0307	7116	N1QQV	599	CT
0311	7116	KE0WW	55N	MN

If you heard me and I didn't come back to you, sorry. I was struggling a
little ;-). Almost every call was QSB in and out. See ya in two weeks!
Mike Maiorana
kf4trd

--
If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:30:41 -0500 (CDT)
From: jdenison@morelr.com (JOEL DENISON)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [28836] tis poetry, tis qrp
Message-ID: <199710151530.KAA11137@m20.morelr.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

The fox and the xyl

I sat very still
surrounded by static
there, the fox,
but signals erratic

There!
he's in the clear!
Mine!
What's that dear?

Bed time?
But it's the fox!
then move aside
he's mine!

72 joel

God Bless
Joel

WA5CVM	
Joel Denison	Gentle Lady (RC Sail Plane)(049 engine - high
start)	
81 High street	40 mtr dipole up 40ft
Farmington, Maine 04938	QRP ARCI 4066 NEW ENGLAND QRP 476 QRP-L 765
jdenison@morelr.com	AK/QRP 109

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:32:55 -0400 (EDT)
From: Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.CC.Lehigh.EDU>
To: mikemo@ibm.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28837] Re: N/T+ fox report from Tuesday
Message-ID: <970ct15.113302-0400_edt.10421-12452+31@hooch.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
Content-Type: text

Mike,

Was gritting my teeth while you asked K0ZK "UR ST?" a bunch of times. Finally heard you "73" him and sent my call, but you came back to KC2CFZ. Then you faded and didn't hear you the rest of the nite. You did have a great sig into EPA in the beginning. Hope to catch you next time!

73

Jim N3VXI

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Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:39:28 -0400 (EDT)
From: JCoote@aol.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28838] CB-to-10 conversion remarks
Message-ID: <971015113635_-1059139615@emout02.mail.aol.com>

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Channelization is convenient for calling freqs, nets, skeds, and so forth.

73, Jay

W6CJ

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:41:20 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28839] Fox Teams.
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971015083843.14694A-100000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I'm happy to report that the Aluminum Allies scored a full Fox Sweep last night with all 5 getting into the log!!

Congratulations one and all!!

*****Aluminum Rules*****

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:45:46 -0400

From: Lee Richey <WA3FIY@csonline.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: Bensondj@aol.com
Subject: [28840] Re: VFO drift
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19971015154546.006c3d54@csonline.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>
> Ten-Tec is using what we've referred to as a 'Huff-n-Puff" scheme, and it
>requires a pretty long counting period- on the order of 100 msec or more- to
>achieve good frequency stability. With a QSK rig, the T-R sequencing is
>pretty rapid, and factors like key-down LO pulling also complicate things.
> Lee Richey's excellent article in September's QST, by the way, alludes to
>the difficulty of providing stabilization during transmit- it's a thorny
>problem. At high CW speeds, there's not enough time to get a good frequency
>count, so the best fallback is to disable the loop. This requires that the
>loop 'catch its breath' during the next pause, so the VFO will free-run until
>then and then jump back when the operator pauses.

Dave is correct here. In the development of the CycleMaster/C7, we found that is was vitally important to unlock the loop during the receive to transmit and transmit to receive transitions. In the case of the CycleMaster, if the rig is held in EITHER receive or transmit for longer than about 300 mS, the VFO will be stable. The unit WILL NOT jump to a new frequency under any circumstances. The controller stores all digits of the operating frequency, therefore being able to return to the exact frequency each time the loop locks. With a decent VCO this scheme generally does not create a problem since on SSB or hand sent CW there are almost always periods when the rig is in transmit or receive longer than the required 300 mS. AMTOR and similar modes is another story. In that case the rig is constantly switching between transmit and receive and the loop never gets a chance to lock. (At least during the communications cycle)

With stable VCO's like those being used in the current crop of QRP rigs used by this group, a frequency locking scheme can be very effective and convenient.

BTW, we are now posting high resolution schematics and other detailed technical information on our web pages. We use Circad for schematic generation and are making available a freeware version on our web site. You can check it out at:

<http://www.radioadv.com>

Go to the "products" page.

A detailed technical description of the CycleMaster system is available on the site under "products" then "special function chips".

You will find a wealth of information on the "resources" page. Have fun! :-)

The opinions stated above are probably, but not necessarily, biased. :-)

-Lee WA3FIY-

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:52:49 -0500
From: tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28841] Thursdays FoxNight
Message-ID: <19971015.105250.14030.5.tahrens1@juno.com>

Hi Folks - here we are again!!

I will be on from 0200-0400 on Thursday evening. That's 2100-2300 CDST. I'll let you figure from there.

I'll first have a listen around 7036, but may go above 7040 if there is a bunch of other stuff there. Been having some rather strong south-of-the-border SSB below 40.

I will be sniffing around the edges.. (got the RIT pot limbered up). The rig will be the TS-940 choked back to 5w (hopefully it's bells & whistles will make it easier for me to get you)! The antenna is the 3 element phased array.. don't despair if I sound strong on one call, then weak the next.. this thing has a pretty deep null off the backside, depending where you are. I'll switch it around a lot, & try to get folks from all over. (that is one thing that is nice about switching a vertical... you don't have to wait for it to be in position)!!

I doubt if I will have time to check into the chat room :-)

I'll probably set the speed pot about 22/25 wpm, but spaced longer (remember farnsworth)? & answer at the speed you sent.

Make sure you get the aluminum polish out for the antennas... that way the waves just slide right off. Slippery signal for a slippery fox.

cuall

Tim W5FN

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:59:38 -0700
From: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28842] NorCal Kits Debut Saturday
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971015085938.006f0b70@telis.org>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Guys the winner of the NorCal Design Contest will be announced Saturday at noon Pacific time at the West Coast QRP Symposium being held in conjunction with Pacificon. Not only will we announce the winning design, we will have kits available for sale. The cost will be \$30. Jim has asked that you have correct change if possible as we anticipate a line to buy the kit. If you wish to write a check, please have it filled out and made out to Jim Cates, NOT NorCal. Also, if you wish multiple kits, one check will be fine. The majority of you on the list obviously will not be able to attend, but don't despair, there will be plenty of kits to go around. The mail order price is as follows:

US addresses: \$30 + \$5 Shipping and Handling
Canada and Western Europe \$30 + \$10 Shipping and Handling
Pacific Rim: \$30 + \$15 Shipping and Handling

It was touch and go there for a while as to whether or not I was going to get the kits finished in time. One part was lost in the Grayhound Bus system, a supplier shipped it via bus to get it to me on Sunday, and it did not arrive until yesterday morning due to the Columbus Day Holiday. I had the kits bagged and was waiting to seal them until I got the last part. Last night I started at 5:00 and finished at 11:00. Takes a while to pack and seal 200 kits.

Hope to see lots of QRP construction projects in the NorCal Pacificon Building Contest Saturday night. Remember to bring a typed sheet explaining what your entry is and what its features are. 72, Doug, KI6DS/M0BIV

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 12:20:09 -0500
From: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28843] Pixie2 As Beacon?
Message-ID: <v01530501b06aa890ad69@[208.131.170.126]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Fellow QRP-Lers,

As most of you know I have really gotten excited about the Pixie2 lately. Now that I almost have my Island Keyer complete I was thinking about putting the two together to create a beacon. I think it would really be neat to test the propagation with this little device.

I know that someone on the list has a beacon they use once in a while that transmits at different power levels and uses a "code word" for authentication at different power levels. I was thinking I could do much the same but only at the "stock" power level.

I was also thinking I could give a prize to the station that heard the beacon from the furthest distance and confirmed via a QSL card (a box of Altoids Mints!).

Tell me what you think and whether or not you think it's a good idea. I would also appreciate any input from other operators who have done anything similar in the past and any pointers you are willing to give as to insure my success.

Thanks

Frank
(pixie crazy at the moment!)

Frank Matthews
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Oscar F. Smith High School
1994 Tiger Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 548-0696 Ext. 51
Email/fmathews@norfolk.infi.net

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:05:22 -0500
From: "Kevin Muenzler - WB5RUE" <wb5rue@stic.net>
To: <JCoote@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28844] Re: CB-to-10 conversion remarks
Message-ID: <01bcd984\$243cb500\$d8016f81@muenzlerk.uthscsa.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

-----Original Message-----

From: JCoote@aol.com <JCoote@aol.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 1997 10:51 AM
Subject: CB-to-10 conversion remarks

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>73, Jay
>W6CJ

I had the same experience with a Midland AM/SSB rig. I "unmodified" the
clarifier to make it receive only again. For some reason the transmit and
receive were about 100hz off from each other.

Kevin, WB5RUE

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 17:09:56 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28845] Re: Pixie2 As Beacon?
Message-ID: <199710151609.RAA03833@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Frank et.al.,

Remember this and this is for all who would be beacons.

By regulation there are no unattended beacons below 10M.
This means that you have to be in attendance during the
time period(s) that the 'beacon' is on. You will get
email/USPS notices from 00s and others if you do otherwise.
Or get some unwanted attention. :-)

This regulation applies to USofA and I know of other countries
that do allow beacons below 28MHz.

FYI

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:09:00 -0500 (CDT)
From: Bill Morris Denton <bdenton@tenet.edu>
To: Jack Meadows <jackmead@getnet.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28846] Re: FOX: Tuesday night Fox - W7QQQ
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.96.971015110423.202890-100000@francis.tenet.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Great signal last nite Jack. Was a little worried earlier when I couldn't
hear you. You were booming into Houston when I worked you. I think all
the Houston Yahoos got you. S-7 not to shabby.

Hope to see you in the Great Texas Diller chase.

Bill W5SB

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 09:10:24 -0700
From: "Michael Fletcher" <kl7ixi@mailcity.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28847] Re: ICM T12 TX --vaporware?
Message-ID: <DILMHIFMOBKMBAAA@mailcity.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I saw the International Crystal ads through the mid '60s at least. In addition to the convertors (which I have seen working), there were a SW convertor for the auto AM radios, HF transmitters and receivers and more. As a poor teenager it was cheaper

for me to put together my first transmitter, a one-watter colpitts oscillator on the 80 meter Novice band with a 5763 tube and TV parts than to buy the kit.

72,
Mike KL7IXI

Get your free and private web-based e-mail from our new partner at <http://www.mailexcite.com>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 12:11:13 -0400 (EDT)
From: Martin Squicciarini <skitch@resuba.com>
To: qrp <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28848] Test
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.91.971015121052.4410A-100000@resuba.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

72/73
Marty Squicciarini NR3Z
skitch@resuba.com (home)

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 08:13:46 -0800
From: "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28849] Alaska FOX-L Award
Message-ID: <3444EBBA.18A4@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I received a few notices of non-receipt of this post. Here again:

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It is time to establish a new award from Alaska. It will be called:

The Alaska FOX-L Award

The FOX-L stands for Fox-Listen which is about all I get to do. :-)

Here are the rules for the Alaska FOX-L Award:

1. Stations must copy a minimum of ten (10) Fox hunters in one evening to qualify for the basic award of the Alaska FOX-L.
2. Additional Achievement Endorsements can be earned for each additional 10 stations copied and entered into your FOX-L log. These endorsement listens do not have to be done in one night.

Why FOX-L? Well, I would like others to do more listening so I won't feel so alone. :-) Participants get the practice of copying stations in a pileup instead of just listening for the FOX or just working the FOX and then going away. Maybe by listening more fully, participants will learn how not to work a pileup as well as how to work a pileup. Also, I get to have some fun.

The FOX-L Award will be done on the honor system. Send me the list of the stations listened and the level of award requested along with an SASE and I will send out the basic award or endorsement with a real Alaskan postmark. The basic award will need a large certificate size envelope and 55 cents postage. The endorsements will just need a regular size SASE with 32 cent postage.

You will do your own duplicate checking and the endorsements only require the 10 stations listened for that level of endorsement. I trust

you to keep your own FOX-L list clean.

Standings for Alaska FOX-L will be published to our very own QRP-L.

So get out there and Listen.... FOX-Listen....and earn your Alaska FOX-L Award.

73, Jim Larsen, AL7FS
3445 Spinnaker Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516-3424
larsennc@alaska.net

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 09:09:08
From: Dan Hogan <dhhogan@lightside.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28850] Re: W3EDP Antenna
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971015090908.10bfc156@mail.lightside.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 1606GMT i visited the G-QRP Club web page.

The URL is: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/g4wif/gqrp.htm>

Dan Hogan WA6PBY
dhhogan@lightside.com

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 12:40:31 -0400
From: sarraf@thermacore.com
To: qrp-l@listserv.lehigh.edu
Subject: [28851] Re: LED Flashlights
Message-ID: <85256531.005A6C74.00@tci-nt02.thermacore.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

A couple of thoughts before the topic dies entirely:

Chicago Miniature just ran an ad in a trade magazine for a "CMD1224WC Bright White (TM) LED". It is a semiconductor-based white LED. This

lamp has a stated output of 200-400 mcd at 20 mA, and a forward voltage range of between 3.6 and 4.0 V at 20 mA. Although the voltage would require three battery cells rather than two, this seems like a good idea where light output or viewability was more important than maintaining good night vision. I haven't looked at other LEDs either to see how this stacks up in regards to light output vs electrical input. Again, its color may make it a better deal since its light is easier to see than red.

Is red a good LED color for people who are colorblind? My dad was red/green colorblind. To him, the grass and trees always looked dull brown. Is this a problem with a sensor which does not work or is it a matter of faulty translation? If the receptors do not work then red may not be a good color to use. If it is a problem with translation then maybe the red light can be seen but it looks different than what most people call red. Any colorblind qrp-l'ers want to tell what they see when they use an LED watch or calculator?

Dave Sarraf
N3NDJ
Elizabethown, PA

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 09:57:28 -0700
From: Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
To: jessqrp@concentric.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28852] Re: FOX freq is a mess
Message-ID: <3444F5F8.3319@qsl.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Don't know abt changing the freq. Seems the fox can move all he wants already. We have to find his starting freq.

I agree. Lid, Lid. We had some jokers last night bent on ruining the foxhunt. From my qth they zeroed in kept sending QRL ??, ?? ?? and I sent QRL TU ee at .5Watts 1 Watt and 5 Watts between fox exchanges.

Then some (one) with a cw kbd at 100 WPM kept sending numbers 19 19 19 19 19. Short-Duration-Signal bursts.

Are they jealous about or QRP Fun?

I guess if it's not QRP you gotta get a life...
-Ed L.

Jess Gypin wrote:

>
> We need to try to find another starting freq for the fox There are just
> too many dare I say lids that like to hang out on 7037 or thereabouts.
> In the listening that I have been doing here, I would vote for a move
> ABOVE 7040, about 7042. It is about 0208 here and with the 500 hz filter
> in I can hear the hunter and about 3 other QSO's at the same time.....
>
> --
> Jess N0TFI <><
> <http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>
> qrp-l #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

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72/73 de we6w qrp es cw ONLY (From non-ham to extra in one day!)
HW-8, OHR-100, Pixie2, Johnson Viking II, Drake TR-3
QRP-L#1068, ARCI#9397, Norcal#2227, ARS#275, AR#112 grid CM88ok
<mailto:we6w@qsl.net> <http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:54:36 -0600
From: "Rattray, Bruce" <Rattray@siast.sk.ca>
To: "'QRP-L'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28853] again?
Message-ID: <ABB04875E11AD01191A40000F83092BE3B3EC8@stone.siastr.sk.ca>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

...picture this...a clean, white hallway, tastefully decorated, simple,
yet enough...a female, in her 50s talking quietly with another female
whose outward appearance indicated, doctor...

..."I've given him a mild sedative...he's less agitated now...give him
15 minutes or so ..then you can take him home."
..."Thank you Doctor Morse ...we certainly appreciate your help."
... "That's what I try to do Bonnie...help people...tell me; aside from
what's obvious, why did you bring Bruce in here?"
..."Well he became so upset...it was a little after 10 last night...he
came out of the ham shack...he was talking to himself and it's rare when
he does that...I tried to hear what he was saying but it was so low , I
couldn't...I thought...you know...he was just mumbling...we all mumble
at times...then I saw it..."

..."Saw what Bonnie?"
..."...his eyes..... they were so wide...and fixed..."
..."So he was staring?"
..."...yes...like he was seeing something that..wasn't in front of him..."
..."hmmmm...anything else?"
..."well, I told him it was getting late...he had to be up at 6 the next morning for work, so it was probably bedtime...he nodded, went to bed and had a good night's sleep.....maybe it's nothing...but when I got up in the morning I looked out at the backyard...the usual flock of sparrows were there at our feeders...the sun was rising...then I noticed something different about the lawn...I went outside to see....there was a number of little holes dug out in the lawn...strangest thing...I picked up the shovel that was lying up against the garage and filled them back in...but I'm still wondering how they got there?...voles maybe?"
..."hmmmm ...interesting...well I'm sure he'll be ok...he probably just needs some rest...keep an eye out and let me know how things are going."
..."I just remembered...the mumbling....some of it sounded like...well I wrote it down just in case...I have it in my purse...here it is...it sounded like "doubleuseavankukuku"..."
..."hmmmm... strange...ah, may I keep that?...thanks...well, take him home...he should be all right ...keep in touch."

QRP: it says it all!

...72 - Hambly, the Scribe

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:05:55 -0600
From: wa5whn@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: w5bi@flash.net, k5qq@aol.com, mastark@sandia.gov
Subject: [28854] Socorro Hamfest/Next Spring QRPTTF plans
Message-ID: <19971015.100640.2670.3.wa5whn@juno.com>

qrp-lers,

After Pacificon, is the Socorro, New Mexico Hamfest (1 hour drive south of Albuquerque, on Interstate 25). Mark Your' calendars for November 15, 1997. Usually a large contingent of NM QRPers show up, and swap ideas. If You need details, check out the following URL;

<http://griffy.nmt.edu/sara/>

Big plans are brewing for the next NorCal QRPTTF in the Spring of '98, at least for 4 southwestern US States.

Hmmm, maybe I should operate QRP Mobile on Highway 666 (North out of Gallup, New Mexico into Southern Colorado) for all Hallow's Eve (Halloween), or from the Saint James Hotel in Cimarron, NM, which is haunted. [8-{

A howling 72... Jay, WA5WHN

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 17:13:02 +0000
From: SEAB&SHARON LYON <SSLYON@worldnet.att.net>
To: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28855] Fox, bag, DX
Message-ID: <19971015171300.AAA7021@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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>Also, if you hear one of the Russian Beacons around 7.039-7.040+
>then the band is long so you outta move away a few minutes from the
>fox and check out the band for DX. It is getting that time of the
>year and you did note the lack of QRN didn't you? I knew you did.
>The name of the game is how late can YOU stay up and still go to
>work the next day? :-)
>
>FYI
>Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
><http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>
,>
Rite on Chuck... I heard the "S" and "J" beacons superimposed so tuned
around and worked LZ1PM. Jack didn't show on the horizon for an hour.
It was an aggrivating evening, tho. The band was so long that I could
hear only a couple of sigs in the "pileup". Answer? -build that delta
loop on pulleys where I can change the take-off angle. Gotta figure a
way to motorize it tho. 72 =s=
"Seab" Lyon -- AA1MY
Bethel, CT; USA FN-31-HJ
ARCI #9253; QRP-L # 574

ARRL; QCWA; C.A.R.A.

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 13:01:03 -0400 (EDT)
From: n4js@amsat.org
To: larsennc@alaska.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28856] RE: Alaska FOX-L Award
Message-ID: <XFMail.971015130317.n4js@amsat.org>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
MIME-Version: 1.0

On 15-Oct-97 Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei typed:
>I received a few notices of non-receipt of this post. Here again:
>=====

>
>It is time to establish a new award from Alaska. It will be called:
>
> The Alaska FOX-L Award
>

I didn't mention it in my post whining about missing the fox, but I heard you FB last night. If you had been the fox I might have worked you. You were stronger than Jack for a while. Hope it is that way when you ARE the fox! You WERE getting into NJ!

Sent at 13:03:17 on 15-Oct-97

John L. Sielke	n4js@amsat.org	n4js@pobox.com
\ _ / _ _	n4js@qsl.net	NJ Grid:FM29LN
. ' _ _ \ _ _ \	http://www.qsl.net/n4js NJ-QRP #57 QRP-L #884	
_ \ _ _ \ _ _ / _ _ /	QRP-ARCI #9328 CQC #443 CQrp #50	
NE-QRP #507 G-QRP #9544 NorCal #1989 QCWA FISTS #2781 ARS #243		
WIMPS Qs=032 30m=29 17m=3 12m=0 States=09/02/00 Countries=16/02/00		

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:17:17 -0700 (PDT)
From: David Feldman <dgf@netcom.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28857] Re: LED Flashlights

Message-ID: <199710151717.KAA24220@netcom5.netcom.com>

>A couple of thoughts before the topic dies entirely:

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>Chicago Miniature just ran an ad in a trade magazine for a "CMD1224WC
>Bright White (TM) LED". It is a semiconductor-based white LED. This

When I was in Japan in January, I visited the AKIHABARA area (the electronics area) and saw several vendors demonstrating/selling white LEDs. They were not super bright, and varied slightly in tint (greenish occasionally among the units shown) but they were definately white, and about 1/8" diameter (there is a standard LCD size about that dimension, and this one fit the same physical size). I didn't notice if they had any tri-color (r,g,b) LEDs, but since then when I was down at Disney in Orlando (for work, unfortunately!) I saw in one of the restaurants a scrolling message sign board (those kinds with messages that roll across the surface) and it was full color, in that it had red, green and blue. I think the LEDs on that one (I'm almost certain they were LEDs, altho I suppose they might have been LCDs) were tri-color. The sign wasn't really bright (hence I suspect it was LED based); it had an array of single indicators, each about 1/4" diameter.

I didn't inquire as to price, but on retrospect I kind of wish I had bought some of the white LEDs when I was in Japan.

73 Dave WB0GAZ dgf@netcom.com

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 12:10:04
From: Bill Myers <bjmyers@arc.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28858] Re: Question: Zepp antennas and Ladder Line
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971015121004.302f3244@mail.arc.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 10:18 AM 10/15/97 EDT, Donald E Sanders wrote:

>There is an article in the QST in last 2-3 months regarding a 40 meter
>extended zepp(178 feet long) with ladder line feed as all band antenna.
>It should outperform G5RV, windom or coax dipole if you have room for it.

Based on this article (and other info) I recently put up an extended zepp (90') and there is a noticable improvement over my 40 meter dipole and it is easier to tune up on 80 meters.

Bill KK4KF

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 12:25:01 -0500
From: Glen Reid <k5hgb@flash.net>
To: JCoote@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28859] Re: FREQUENCY FOR 10 METER QRP AM
Message-ID: <3444FC6C.9AD3F61E@flash.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Apparently not all these conversions came out on the same frequencies, since mine has no freqs that end at 5 KHz. steps (but I can get here with the "clarifier" (RIT)) and does not go higher than 29.030. No "priority channel". 28.965 Mhz is channel 33 1/2 on mime. Anything 28.700 to 29.000 works for me.

How about 29.000 Mhz. I can remember that easily. A real benefit when you get old!

Other suggestions

gr

JCoote@aol.com wrote:

> Just for discussion purposes, I'll suggest 28.965 (usually channel
> 1), or
> 29.065, (usually channel 9).
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>

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GLEN REID
K5HGB/M(Zero)BGF
Austin, Texas
...in the beautiful hill country of TEXAS...

Email: k5hgb@flash.net

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 12:32:21
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28860] Scout 555, fox-not
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971015123221.2def3922@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Howdy,

Maybe I was a bit harsh on my assement of the Scout. Even with it's failings, I will be keeping it around. I bought it mostly for SSB use anyway. But now you all know why I've been seriously concidering replacing the PTO with a DDS VFO.

Well, about the Fox, not a wiff of scent of him here in NH. After the QSO I had to test my new W3EDP antenna, the band folded and could not hear much of anything. No Fox, no hunters.

I've always wondered why the fox hides out below 7.040 myself. Between 7.025 and 7.040 is where all the QRO stations hang out. My vote also would be to use 7.040 to 7.050, where it generally seems to be a bit quieter, at least in this neck of the woods. (except for VE SSB stations)

73,
Steve, KD1JV....In the White Mountains of New Hampshire

"Melt Solder"

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 13:51:31 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28861] N/T+ FOXHUNT OCT 20 0200-0400 UTC
Message-ID: <971015135026_-1643812354@emout08.mail.aol.com>

****IMPORTANT STUFF****

Novice bands have been a bit ruff around FOX HUNT time to to make it a bit easier I will try the following SUNDAY EVENING (Monday OCT 20 0200-0400 UTC):

(1) FIVE minutes prior to the HUNT I will send out a series of VVVVV-TEST

TEST and call to stretch my fingers and to give you a beacon to find out "about" where the fox will stick out his head and the relative band conditions. (If the band goes dead on us I may use this again to help you to home in on me if the other FOX STUFF doesn't work)

(2) FIRST 20 minutes I really would like to dedicate to "1"- "4" stations and include HAWAII and our ALASKAN brothers and sisters.

(3) I will aim for starting at 7.115 but conditions may force me to move me a bit so LISTEN for the TEST call.

(4) I will move only out of necessity. I do have RIT (hint) on my EMTECH

Last week we did good in getting a wide spread across the country including CANADA. I have a new can of antenna wax, rig oiled up, and spare relative bearing grease for the nite....I am shooting for 30 stations.

JUST GOT FOX QSL CARDS BACK FROM PRINTERS...will start sending them out soon.

HOPE TO SEE YA SUNDAY EVENING...(Lord willing and the creek don't rise)

Alan KBYMBI

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 17:48:17 +0000
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
To: dolledb@cet.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28862] Re: CW Everywhere....Forever
Message-ID: <19971015174815.AAA9405@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 02:08 AM 10/15/97 +0000, you wrote:

>I learned early in my CW career that many otherwise unintelligent devices
>produce simulated morse code. This phenomenon is especially common after
>operators experience long periods of actual CW activity, like Field Day or
>when almost constantly copying morse code off the air in practice for
>license exams. Squeaky automobile door seals, ceiling fans, furnace
>blowers, miniature children shaking the sides of their cribs, washing
>machines, refrigerators, air conditioners, flourescent lights, and all
>manner of mechanical and inanimate appliances just can't seem to restrain
>themselves from fooling around with otherwise serious Morse-appreciating
>amateurs and professionals. I know one QRPer who swears he copied a full
>exchange from the Heard Island expedition from the generator belt on his
>Volkswagon Beetle. I understand that there is no cause for alarm unless

>the desire to reply to such spurious communications causes one to begin
>ordering and assembling kit-built equipment in order to complete the
>contact for WAS or DXCC credit.

>

>Dennis, NX5W

>

>

BEWARE! During the war people who suffered from this malady were
called "Dit Happy"! Stories abounded of ex-operators who copied the chirps
of the birds at the "funny farm".

73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW

"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"

417 Ridgewood Drive

Metairie, LA., 70001

Looking for a 6 meter Gonset Communicator III *

860 Hartley 'ECO' under construction*

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:02:21 -0700

From: Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [28863] 'F' Beacon ==> 'FFF' ???

Message-ID: <3445052D.3D27@qsl.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Have heard the Russian 'F' beacon all year.

A nice steady 5 WPM.

Last week the XX9 sig went XX6. Very raspy and I
started looking for some of Nils' smoke and the
little 'Vole-monsters' in my QRP equipment.
All received the same raspy signal.

Today, the steady 'F' is no more. Instead it
is at 10 WPM character speed with a 7 WPM spacing
between each of three 'F'; then a 5 WPM spacing between
the word.

Before: f f f f f f f f f f <== Steady 5 WPM

NOW: fff(space) fff(space) fff(space)

What'd they do, change the battery?
Anyone else hear this?

doubleusevanKuKuKu <= NABBED last night by me!!!! wu hoo!

-Ed L.

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mailto:we6w@qsl.net <http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:09:06 -0700
From: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28864] Stripping Parts From Boards
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971015110906.006fc184@telis.org>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Yesterday someone posted that they had boards for sale for \$10 each with several parts on them that should be usable to QRPers. I would like to pass on a trick on how to get the parts off easily, and have a high success rate.

When I strip boards for parts I do the following:

1. Pick up the board with a pair of vice grip pliers locked to hold the board.
2. Get out the trusty Wagner Power Paint Stripper heat gun.
3. Turn the board over and apply heat until the solder runs.
4. Quickly rap the board on the cement floor of the garage and knock the parts out. They literally fall out of the board.
5. Pickup parts and sort.
6. Sweep up solder mess.

Be careful with the heat gun, as soon as you see the solder start to flow, rap the board on the floor. Don't work on too big an area at one time. I would love to credit the originator of this idea, but I have forgotten who it was. It certainly wasn't me.

If if you have ever tried to unsolder IC's you will appreciate this method. It is sort of the reverse of wave soldering.

Also, when you buy boards for parts, add up the cost of the components you will use on the board and divide by 10. If the cost of the used board is greater than your figure, forget it, it isn't worth it. And always remember that something was probably wrong with the board or it wouldn't be available as surplus. I sure hope it wasn't the part that you are scrounging. Having said that, yes I sometimes scrounge parts from boards in a pinch.

72, Doug, KI6DS/M0BIV

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:07:54 -0700
From: Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28865] REMINDER: Backup Bookmarks!
Message-ID: <3445067A.4FD7@qsl.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It's been a few months. Someone lost email yesterday so thought, hey, don't want to lose my lil' ol' bookmarks either.

So, just a reminder from a friend.

Save a copy today!

-Ed L.

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72/73 de we6w qrp es cw ONLY (From non-ham to extra in one day!)
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QRP-L#1068,ARCI#9397,Norcal#2227,ARS#275,AR#112 grid CM88ok
mailto:we6w@qsl.net <http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 10:56:00 -0500
From: Dan Tayloe-P26412 <Dan_Tayloe-P26412@email.mot.com>
To: azqrp@dancris.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28866] Re: fox
Message-ID: <M2504581.063.3ub8j.1.971015180759Z.CC-MAIL*/OU=SATCG/OU=AZBH/PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/@MHS>

Message authorized by:

: torell@sicom.com@INTERNET at #EMAIL

I tried running mobile with a fishing pole center loaded, mounted vertically in the center of the bed of my pickup truck. As a ground, I simply connected to the frame of the truck. Used an analyzer to tune the loading coil to resonate the thing to 40m cw. While on the road, I collapsed the pole down to all but the bottom two sections.

I certainly got a lot of attention as I drove down the road!

While I was waiting for everyone else at cold stone creamery at Alma School and Warner, I checked for signs of the Fox. Wow! Don't try working the fox at night next to a large shopping area! Lots and lots of static. Probably from all the neon signs in the area.

Moving off into the residential areas, things got much quieter.

As I got close, I could hear the fox firing off contact after contact in rapid fire succession. I am sure Jack holds the high contact rate so far.

In the end, I was kind of disappointed in the results of my 22 ft 40m "mobile" whip. I could not hear the hunters very well. It makes me appreciate the conditions Joe, AB7TT, operated under for a long time using a mere 40m ham stick as a main station antenna.

However, when I got right next to his house, it didn't matter what kind of antenna I was using. 8:00 (300 UTC). One call. 599+++++. Like shooting foxii in a barrel!

Lets do it again!

- Dan Tayloe, N7VE, Phoenix, Az, QRPL # 696, Az ScQRPions

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 13:15:51 -0500
From: tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28867] Re: Thursdays FoxNight - TIMES -
Message-ID: <19971015.131551.14030.6.tahrens1@juno.com>

Would you believe.....

uuh, let me re-phrase the times....

I will be the Fox on Friday October 17th, from
0200 until 0400.

Now, for us on this side of the pond, that will
be Thursday evening from 2100 until 2300 CDST.

Thanks for your understanding. (also to the guys
who let me know that some folks might be confused).

Tim W5FN

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:23:34 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28868] Re: Alaska FOX-L Award
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971015112133.15201A-100000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi All,

Jim is on to something here.....this is a great way to
build your skills!

If you learn to depend on the chat rooms to find the Fox
for you, your skills suffer!

Dig out all those hounds and learn to copy weak signals in
lots of noise and qrm!

You'll be glad you did!

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:29:29 -0700

From: Andy Fox <foxes@theriver.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28869] Thanks for Ten-Tec Info
Message-ID: <34450B89.47CC@theriver.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello again,

Thanks to all for the deluge of responses regarding the Scout and other Ten-Tec rigs. Looks like people mostly enjoy their Omnis (-C, -D, V) and Delta I rigs, and that if I (gasp) check out a Scout prior to purchase it might still be the rig of choice.

I may wind up building a standalone keyer, too. Shucks, another kit to build :-)

73 de KK7HV

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Andy Fox
foxes@theriver.com

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 13:46:19
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28870] GQRP web page
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971015134619.28b73df2@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I had no trouble getting into the site, once I realised I needed to add "www" to the URL. In fact, it came up almost instantly. Neat site, even has background music. (maybe that's what gives some of you trouble) Only clicked around briefly, once I got the W3EDP info I wanted.

So, if you see an address that does not have the "www." after the http:// and you get a message, "can't find so and so", try adding the "www".

73,
Steve, KD1JV....In the White Mountains of New Hampshire

"Melt Solder"

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:48:37 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Paul R. Valko" <prvalko@Oakland.edu>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28871] WTB: TenTec 20A PS
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.95.971015144451.25805B-1000000@vela.acs.oakland.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hello!

I just bought a TenTec 544 for a fellow here at work (KB8RSD). He is a tech-lite working on his code.

Does anyone have one of the old Triton IV power supplies like the 262, 252 in need of a good home? Any 20A TT power supply will do, actually.

73! =paul= W8KC
Collector of Ten*Tecs and other fine plastics

www.acs.oakland.edu/~prvalko

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:51:45 -0700 (PDT)
From: camqrp@cyberg8t.com (Cam Hartford)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28872] Teams for Fall QSO Party
Message-ID: <199710151851.LAA26856@key.cyberg8t.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I've just received an entry for Team Wisconsin in the Fall QSO Party.

Any other teams out there willing to go up against these Cheddar Cheese Boys?

If your team wants to compete, just e-mail me the list of team members sometime before the start of proceedings Saturday AM.

Thanks and Good Luck,

Cam N6GA

QRP ARCI Contest Manager

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 11:55:13 -0700
From: Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
To: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28873] Re: Stripping Parts From Boards
Message-ID: <34451191.5989@qsl.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jim, W7LS posted the following article on Aug. 14, 1997
titled

"Flambouyant chip removal (safe, too)"

Available at the qrp-l archives:

<ftp://ftp.lehigh.edu/pub/listserv/qrp-l/archives/1997/970814>

Search for w7ls.

72/Ed L.

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72/73 de we6w qrp es cw ONLY (From non-ham to extra in one day!)
HW-8,0HR-100, Pixie2, Johnson Viking II, Drake TR-3
QRP-L#1068,ARCI#9397,Norcal#2227,ARS#275,AR#112 grid CM88ok
<mailto:we6w@qsl.net> <http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 15:03:09 -0400
From: John Dorson <jdorson@bbs.mpcs.com>
To: QRP LIST <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28874] TEST DO NOT READ
Message-ID: <3445136D.1B8B@bbs.mpcs.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:34:00 CDT
From: "Taylor Greg" <gtaylor@TAEX003N.tamu.edu>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, we6w@qsl.net
Subject: [28875] Re: REMINDER: Backup Bookmarks!
Message-ID: <3F67A811857@taex003n.tamu.edu>

No kidding, there awhile back my system went down and as I got to thinking about it the only thing on there that couldn't be reproduced or wasn't a disaster if it was lost was my bookmark file....fortunately it was retrieved but I've been very careful to keep a backup since.....72, Greg, W5KJ

> It's been a few months. Someone lost email yesterday
> so thought, hey, don't want to lose my
> lil' ol' bookmarks either.
>
> So, just a reminder from a friend.
>
> Save a copy today!
>
>

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 15:49:13 -0400
From: "Fishman, Clark" <cfishman@pica.army.mil>
To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28876] OHR 100
Message-ID: <61184F6C1EF9D0119A6300609798EA461F41D7@pica-emh9.pica.army.mil>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

tnx to all on OHR 100 mixer poop

WA2UNN

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:56:04 -0500
From: tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28877] Thursday's FOX - TIMES
Message-ID: <19971015.145605.14030.9.tahrens1@juno.com>

Would you believe.....

uuh, let me re-phrase the times....

I will be the Fox on Friday October 17th, from
0200 until 0400.

Now, for us on this side of the pond, that will
be Thursday evening from 2100 until 2300 CDST.

Thanks for your understanding. (also to the guys
who let me know that some folks might be confused).

Tim W5FN

this is a re-send of the same e-mail... looks like
Juno did it again! (dropped my mail)

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 16:54:23 -0400
From: "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>
To: "LIQRP" <liqrp@waterw.com>, "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, <NJQRP@NJQRP.ORG>
Subject: [28878] SRI Lost Message: Stuff Cleaning metal + aluminum ant elements
Message-ID: <199710152051.QAA59458@pimout1-int.prodigy.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi gang,

Naturally I lost the message thread from last week on cleaning metal that
Chuck sent, as well as the source. Was it Flitz?

If you have the info please send along, I appreciate it.

Also there was a thread a while ago about what stuff to clean aluminum ant
elements. If someone has that info, I'd certainly appreciate that also. A
friend of mine has an old trap vertical that's not doing so well. Told him
that he should clean up the antenna, check the traps and replace the coax.
Sounds like's he's down.

72 Kevin N2TO
Brooklyn, NYC
kfglynn@prodigy.net

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:58:56 -0600 (MDT)
From: bcutter@teal.csn.net (Bob Cutter)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28879] ZEPP and ladder line
Message-ID: <199710152058.0AA04064@ns-1.csn.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

My all purpose/band antenna is a 160M dipole fed with ladder line. I find it tunes up well on all bands. The tuner is an old Dentron.

72, Bob KI0G

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 14:02:00 -0700 (MST)
From: "Mark E. Monninger" <markem@primenet.com>
To: "Hendricks, Doug" <ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28880] Re: NorCal Kits Debut Saturday
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971015135935.24338B-1000000@usr02.primenet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Doug...

I take it that this means that mail orders are being accepted now?

I also assume that this is the kit you guys were showing around at Ft Tuthill?

73... Mark

On Wed, 15 Oct 1997, Hendricks, Doug wrote:

> ...
> attend, but don't despair, there will be plenty of kits to go around. The
> mail order price is as follows:
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> US addresses: \$30 + \$5 Shipping and Handling
> Canada and Western Europe \$30 + \$10 Shipping and Handling
> Pacific Rim: \$30 + \$15 Shipping and Handling
>
> ...

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 16:20:27 -0500
From: Roger Whitaker <k9lj@iname.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28881] Re: REMINDER: Backup Bookmarks!
Message-ID: <3445339B.EF5A3FE5@iname.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you have web space on a server, put a copy of the bookmark file there. That way you can access your bookmarks from where-ever you are. I am assuming that you don't have bookmarks that would be embarrassing :-)

73 Roger K9LJB

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 22:48:53 +0100
From: Paul Cecil <cecilp@mail3.bunt.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: brian_jones@uk.ibm.com
Subject: [28882] Fishing Poles
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971015224853.00a21bd0@mail3.bunt.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Brian,
Surprised that you can't find something there in England. Down here in Germany there are several vendors at the German Hamfests that sell what they call telescoping towers that range in sizes from 5 meters (about 16 feet) to 10 meters (about 33 feet). My favorite is sold by Walter Spieth, DK9SQ, and is 10 meters long but collapses down to just over one meter long. It also weighs only about 3 pounds. He also sells a kit that adds on a quad for 40 to 10 meters.

Paul Cecil
DA2PC / KA5FPT
Kaiserslautern, Germany
Ramstein Air Base

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 15:16:18 -0700 (MST)
From: Jack Meadows <jackmead@getnet.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28883] FOX: 15 OCTOBER FOX REPORT
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971015151110.23217C-1000000@gn2.getnet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi gang,

I tip my hat to all the hunters who made it into my log because propagation conditions were rough! You probably had a small window of opportunity, but you met the challenge and bagged the fox. The band was highly variable. An s5 signal would fade out in the middle of the exchange never to be heard again. I could hear the band go long, short and long again in seconds. The pileup would be there, fade out, and come back again with an all different group of call prefixes in it! Wheew!

I must acknowledge ALL hunters for their excellent conduct. Everyone that I could hear made short calls, timed their response and respected my selective call inquiries. It made the pileups quite manageable and NEVER did I have a problem with QRM from someone calling me during exchange of info! Congratulations. This group is awesome!

A side note:

I was switching back and forth between an elevated vertical with six radials, and a full wave 80 meter horizontal loop. The loop was better on receive EVERY time. I have always favored verticals...but, now I am trying to figure out how to squeeze a 160 meter full wave loop into my yard. :)

Best regards,
Jack

W7QQQ Fox Log: 15 Oct 97

UTC

Time	QS0#	Call worked	Sent	Rcvd	Qth	NameNr
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02:00	1	K1MG	559	569	CA	MIKE614
02:01	2	KA80KH	559	439	KY	RICH933
02:02	3	KU7Y	559	559	NV	RON17

02:04	4	AC6KW	559	579	CA	JEFF16
02:05	5	WA6NAE	559	599	CA	DWIGHT5W
02:06	6	N6XU	559	599	CA	STAN66
02:08	7	WE6W	559	579	CA	ED1068
02:09	8	K0EVZ	559	569	MN	DOC861
02:10	9	WW7Y	559	559	UT	STEVE94
02:11	10	AB7TK	559	559	ID	RANDY102
02:12	11	K2VCO	559	559	CA	VIC725
02:13	12	AB7MY	559	559	AZ	GARY571
02:14	13	N7KT	559	559	AZ	ROGER262
02:15	14	N4SO	559	449	AL	KEN622
02:24	15	VE7CQ	559	339	BC	PAUL20
02:26	16	KG7PV	559	449	OR	STEVE109
02:27	17	W0CH	559	559	MO	DAVE618
02:28	18	WB0T	559	539	IA	JERRY4W
02:30	19	AL7FS	559	559	AK	JIM114
02:31	20	AF9T	559	579	WI	JOHN1022
02:32	21	AA1MY	559	559	CT	SEAB574
02:34	22	N7GS	559	559	MT	MAL815
02:35	23	W5TFB	559	559	TX	JACK282
02:36	24	N7CQR	559	559	OR	DAN502
02:38	25	KK5KU	559	479	AR	KELSEY1218
02:39	26	AB5UA	559	539	OK	CLIF478
02:40	27	K5UP	559	599	OK	Glen21
02:43	28	N5LU	559	579	OK	BILL5W
02:44	29	K6MW	559	559	CA	OPMIKE152
02:46	30	N1QQV	559	549	CT	KEN400
02:47	31	K5W0	559	559	TX	BOB273
02:48	32	K5JHP	559	559	TX	BILL825
02:49	33	W6EMT	559	559	WA	ROY369
02:55	34	W0CLR	559	559	MO	JERRY1241
02:58	35	N5JI	559	559	TX	DICK1054
02:59	36	N7VE/M	559	599	AZ	DAN5W
03:00	37	W5FN	559	559	TX	TIM586
03:01	38	K5FO	559	559	TX	CHUCK1
03:02	39	K10J	559	579	TX	OJ732
03:03	40	WA9PWP	559	459	WI	PAUL127
03:04	41	KB0PTE	559	559	MO	WAYNE1058
03:05	42	W5JAY	559	559	AR	JAY1201
03:08	43	W5MN	559	559	TX	CONRAD5W
03:10	44	KB0ZDF	559	329	IA	DEAN916
03:14	45	K5JUC	559	559	AR	JIM5W
03:16	B4	VE7CQK	559	559	BC	PAUL20
03:17	46	KK5X0	559	549	OK	DICK1221
03:18	47	KA5T/5	559	449	TX	LARRY89
03:20	48	NI0A	559	559	MN	JOHN689
03:21	49	W5SB	559	559	Tx	BILL5W
03:22	50	K5ZTY	559	449	TX	BILL473

03:24	51	AB7OA	559	339	AZ	KENT57
03:27	52	K5AO	559	579	TX	PAT5W
03:29	53	W6EMD	559	449	CA	DAVE294
03:31	54	N2VPK	559	339	NY	MARK5W
03:32	55	KQ5U	559	559	TX	TERRY5W
03:33	56	W5HNS	559	559	TX	HENRY178
03:37	57	KC5AIK	559	339	Ar	LARRY1256
03:39	58	AB7TT	559	599	AZ	JOE191
03:41	59	W5VBO	559	599	AZ	BRIAN5W
03:42	60	NQ7K	559	599	AZ	MIKE47
03:44	61	W1LP/MM	559	559	GULF	CLINT869
03:51	62	KB9IUA	559	559	IL	KEVIN384
03:55	63	WI6I	559	559	IL	RIC5W
03:58	64	NQ7X	559	559	AZ	FLOYD343

Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 18:21:53 -0400
 From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@bellsouth.net>
 To: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us
 Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
 Subject: [28884] Re: Stripping Parts From Boards
 Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971015182153.00af1100@mail.atl.bellsouth.net>
 Mime-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

One thing you can do with the heat-the-whole-pc board method of IC/etc. removal is get a pair of self-tensioning (or regular-used carefully) vicegrips and clamp them onto any parts with obviously bent leads. The vicegrips provide a weight to pull the IC or whatever from its capture... on really tough ones you waggle the vicegrips by waggling the pc board. Works 99% of the time.

72/73 ZUT!!!

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QRP-ARCI #7663	G-QRP #6779	OK-QRP #172	QRP-L #758	
AdvRC #140	NORCAL #1779		NCDXF	SEDXC
Life Member:	ARRL	AMSAT	INDEXA	QCWA

INTERESTS: DX QRP BoatAnchors Test Equipment Photography

CW: 99.9% QRP: 95-100% (Mood swings!) Mercury Paddle #0214

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"Think you can, think you can't: either way you're right!"      Henry Ford  
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Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 15:50:20 -0700
From: "Michael A. Gipe" <mgipe@reliablemeters.com>
To: "QRP-L list server" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28885] Fox: How many Aluminum Allies can you work in six minutes?
Message-ID: <199710152249.RAA06254@multi13.netcomi.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

How many Aluminum Allies can you work in six minutes?

Well, W7QQQ proved you can work at least three in the first six minutes of a fox hunt.

My compliments also to Texas -- outstanding turnout -- 14 hunters!

Mike K1MG

P.S. Instead of relaxing after the hunt on an Internet chat room, try moving up to 7040 instead!

End of QRP-L Digest 879

